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the Word

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-039

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti

Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster

Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in

Youth and Children's Ministries

Jamie Brown and Emily Woody, Acolytes today

Charles Wilkins, Liturgist today

January 3, 1988

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

"Pastorale in F Major"

J. S. Bac

Choral Call to Worship

"Every Star Shall Sing a Carol"

Sydney Carte

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. As Jesus grew in wisdom, let us seek to grow in faith and knowledge, in trust and truth.

P. We are here in hopes our understanding will increase and our witness grow stronger.

L. As Christ knew God's presence and favor, let us seek to know our own value and God's purpose for us.

P. We accept ourselves as God's own children, as persons of worth and responsibility.

L. As the babe of Bethlehem became the man of Nazareth, devoted to authentic sharing and caring, let us seek to become fully human, in God's true image.

P. We enter into Christ's service in this new time, open to new possibilities God may reveal to us.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 249

"Ancient of Days"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

You give us a vision of a world made new O God, yet we find it so easy to abide in the old. You promise your

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland in memory of their son, Andrew N. McLelland.

CIRCLES 1 & 2 will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. for a joint meeting in the Choral Center.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Marie Wilkins

Nursery next Sunday: Heidi Danieleley

Children's Church today: Sheree Smith

Children's Church next Sunday: Pam or Rick Kiser

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 3	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon., Jan. 4	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Tues., Jan 5	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Christian Education and Budget Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
., Jan. 6	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir



SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

Minister: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Lord is served.

People: There are different ways of serving, but the
same Lord is served.

Minister: There are different abilities to perform service,
but the same God gives ability to each of us for
our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in
each person for the good of all.

Minister: Christ is like a single body which has many parts.

People: It is still one body even though it is made up of
different parts.

Minister: If one part of the body suffers, all the other
parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all
the other parts share its happiness.

People: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a
part of it.

Minister: These persons have been called by God, through
their election by our congregation. They have
accepted their call and stand before us in witness
to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted
with responsibility for particular service in the
ministry of the Church. Having prayerfully con-
sidered the duties and responsibilities of your
ministry, are you prepared to serve in Christ's
name and for his glory?

Clergy
Board
Members I do.

Minister: Do you promise to exercise your ministry dilligently
and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Clergy
Board
Members I do.

Minister: (Addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them by standing in witness to the commitment we now make.

People:

(standing) We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, come forward.)

Minister: The laying on of hands is a symbolic act whereby the Church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men, and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon you for the office of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on each one in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of Deacon in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God you have called these persons to serve you in this Household of Faith, and in the world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon us all as we adventure together in this new year for Elon College Community Church. Empower these persons as they begin their duties. Energize your church to prosper in mission and service. Enable us all to be worthy of the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY C

To this table we welcome all who own Jesus as Savior and Lord, who desire the mercy of God and peace with their neighbor, and who seek strength and companionship to follow the way of Christ.

Gracious God, we pray that you will grant us strength through this sacrament, according to the promises of Christ. Increase in us, and among us, the sense of his presence.

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after saying the blessing, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. "Take it and eat," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them. "Drink from this, all of you," he said, "this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Lord, we pause before the awesome mystery of this food. Your Spirit formed the earth and warmed it by the sun, gave life to the buried seed, and nourished it through snow and rain; so that in dying, the seed burst forth with new life after its pattern.

Our stewards prepared and planted, tended and harvested, milled and ground, crushed and strained, baked and blended, packaged and transported and marketed this food, so that today we may rejoice in this royal meal.

Your Spirit formed and filled the Christ, out of the wonderful history of your people. He walked the earth setting others free from sin and disease and fear to live in the joy of faith. He died on the cross, was buried, and then burst forth into new life, so that we might reach new life after his pattern.

(continued)

As the grain comes to new life in our mind and muscle,
as the grape refreshes and once again becomes vital,
so the Spirit has new life in us and through us.

*But must we be broken as the grain was broken?
Must we be yielding as the grape was yielding?
Must we be willing as Christ was willing?
Must we die in order to come to new life?*

Jesus said, "He who finds his life will lose it,
and he who loses his life for my sake will find it."

Speak to us, Lord, through this mystery.

(The elements are distributed.)

Unison Prayer after Communing:

*Lord Jesus Christ, we have received here good gifts
at your pierced hands:*

the taste of your mystery,

the power of your peace,

the refreshment of your life,

the close fellowship of your people.

We have had time to take stock of our lives,

to ponder afresh the direction of our pilgrimage.

Help us to absorb these communion gifts,

so that within us and among us

the Kingdom of God may become real,

after your pattern.

Amen.

presence among us, yet we seek so often to hide from it. We continue to mourn for our own way, though you have promised to wipe the tears from our eyes. When the former things have passed away, will we still long for what used to be? You are the beginning and the end; the middle we cling to for ourselves. We confess our nearsightedness and beg for eyes open to the new creation. May we begin this new year made whole by your grace.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "A New Year Carol" Benjamin Britten

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Installation of Board Members and Ordination of New Deacons
(see Liturgy)

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 454 "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 1:4-8,
John 18:33-37

Meditation "The Timeless and the Timely" Dr. Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy C

Hymn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"

Benediction

Benediction Response: chimes

Postlude "Pastorale in F Major (allegro)" J. S. Bach

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 3, 1988

John 1:1

In the beginning, when the earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep, God and the Word were one. In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and , as God's only begotten Son, was sent into the world to redeem God's creation. So the church confesses of God's Word: "... in him all things hold together. ... in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, ... making peace by the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:17, 19-20).

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

JUST PEACE APPEAL

"We must concentrate not merely on the eradication of war but on the affirmation of peace."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is now received during Epiphany rather than Pentecost.
It is now a special appeal rather than an all-church offering.
But its purpose remains the same.


And its need remains great.
The Just Peace Appeal.

It is useless to debate which comes first. We know that peace and justice are inseparable. Peace without justice is slavery; justice without peace is death.

The Just Peace Appeal.

The United Church of Christ is a Just Peace church. What better expression of that identity than the choice of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthdate as the occasion for our Just Peace Appeal? What better example of the inseparability of justice and peace than the life of this prophet and preacher, whose struggle for racial justice led him on a non-violent pilgrimage toward peace?

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Katie Brown and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

January 10, 1988

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "The Epiphany of Our Lord" Charles Tournemire

Choral Call to Worship "O Light of Light" Cary Ratcliff

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

P. We have seen the light of Christ like a star shining in the sky: and like the Magi, we have come to worship.

All: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 147 "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #513

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading

Psalm 29

- L. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
P. ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
L. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
P. worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
L. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
P. the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
L. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
P. the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
L. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
P. the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
P. and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
L. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
P. the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh,
L. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
P. And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"
L. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
P. the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
L. The Lord shall give strength to his people;
P. the Lord shall give his people the blessing of
peace.

Antiphon "Before the Marvel of This Night"

Carl Schalk

Prayers of the People

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Antiphon "The Nativity of Our Lord: Eternal Designs"

Olivier Messaien

Exology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during
the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11; Acts 19:1

Sermon "Beginnings . . ." The Rev. Beth Gassert Ly

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Now the Silence" Carl Scha

*Postlude "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Johann Pachelb

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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CIRCLES 1 & 2 will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. for a joint meeting in the Choral Center.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS will meet next Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Andes.

There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING next Sunday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. The ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 24th, same time same place.

Copies of the "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS" are available in the narthex.

Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 10	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	Student Fellowship Dinner
Mon., Jan. 11	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
Tues., Jan. 12	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Jan. 13	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

(Baptism of the Lord)

JANUARY 10, 1988

Genesis 1:2

In the beginning, the Spirit of God, as wind moving over the face of the waters, was involved in God's creation of the heavens and the earth. In Christian baptism, the Spirit of God, moving over the face of the waters and as a recreating force in the soul, is the means to our being born again in Christ Jesus. "The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's scripture readings focus upon baptism: the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, and the baptism of believers in Jesus' name.

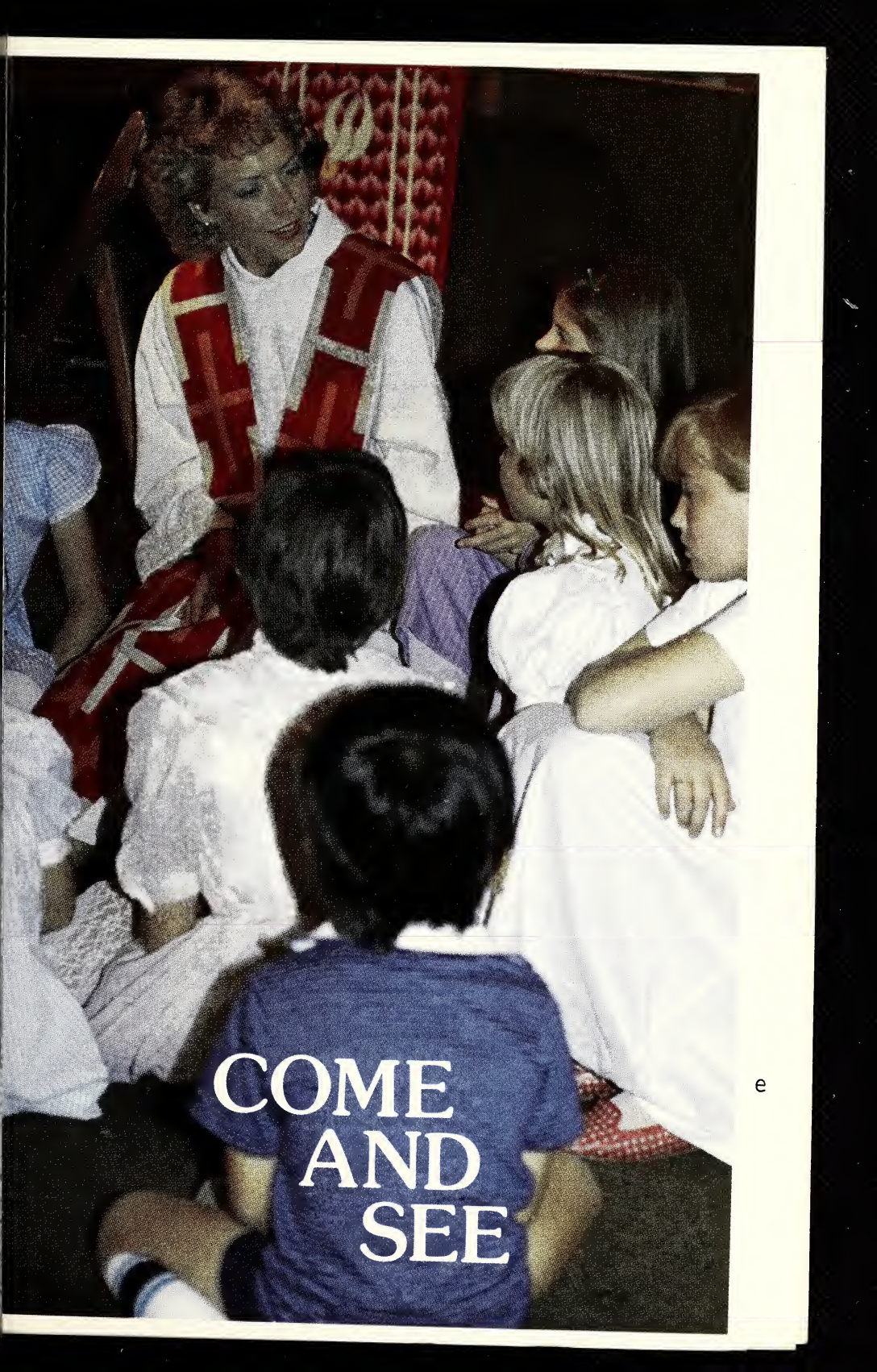
Baptism is a sign of new life in Christ—life which joins the one baptized with Christ and his people. Our common baptism unites us not only with local congregations, but also with Christ's church in every time and place.

This year our Christian brothers and sisters in the Russian Orthodox Church will celebrate the one-thousandth anniversary of a very significant baptism. In the year 988, Prince Vladimir of Kiev accepted the Christian faith and was baptized. His conversion, and the subsequent baptism of all the inhabitants of Kiev in the Dnieper River, marked the official beginning of Russian Orthodoxy.

Today, the estimated fifty million Christians of the Russian Orthodox Church worship and witness under severe constraints, often confessing their faith at great personal risk. As evidence of our baptismal unity, let us all celebrate with and pray for this integral part of Christ's body, the church universal, in its millennial year.

Nora Tubbs Tisdale
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Rob Woody and Scott Dollar, Acolytes today

January 17, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O Blessed Jesu - Blessed are ye faithful souls"
Johannes Bra

Choral Call to Worship "I Want a Song" John Fergu

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. In the beginning our God created the light.

P. Morning broke open on the first day.

L. This God of ours sent the light.

P. Jesus the Christ came to the world's people.

L. Morning light opens for us.

P. God's Light illumines our lives; and opens us
to worship this day.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess together that we have not always lived as
those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ. O God,
source of life and grace, we acknowledge that we are, at
times, prisoners of fear and habit. Through the healing
touch of Christ, set us free to live and to love, that
we may be the people you have created us to be. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading Psalm 63:1-8

- L. O God, thou art my God, I seek thee,
P. my soul thirst for thee;
L. my flesh faints for thee,
P. as in a dry and weary land where no water is.
L. So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
P. beholding thy power and glory.
L. Because thy steadfast love is better than life,
P. my lips will praise thee.
L. So I will bless thee as long as I live;
P. I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.
L. My soul is feasted with marrow and fat,
P. and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips,
L. when I think of thee upon my bed,
P. and meditate on thee in the watches of the night;
L. for thou hast been my help,
P. and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy.
L. My soul clings to thee;
P. thy right hand upholds me.

Anthem "Jesus, So Lowly" Harold Friedell

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Basse et dessus de trompette"
Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 317 "I Love to Tell the Story"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: I Samuel 3:1-20; John 1:35-42

Sermon

"Embarrassed Disciples"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 365

"Faith of Our Fathers"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "O Light of Light" Cary Ratcliff

*Postlude "Dialogue sur les grandes jeux"
Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 17	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
		Board of Christian Ed
		immediately following
		congregational meeting.
Tues., Jan. 19	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Jan. 20	6:30 p.m.	Church Historian Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 1988

John 1:39

Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist until his master pointed to the Lord and said: "Behold the Lamb of God!" Simon Peter was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee until his brother called to him: "We have found the Christ." Only through evangelists, like John the Baptist and the apostle Andrew, does the Christian Church continue. Only because of Christians willing to introduce Jesus Christ to others, rather than simply seek his grace for themselves, are we able to hear the Lord calling—"Come and see."

Rev. James McCutcheon
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"WE COVENANT TO GROW"

"Growing is possible," declared a small membership church in upstate New York.

The church had participated in the "We Covenant To Grow" program, sponsored by the Division of Evangelism and Local Church Development of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Now, six months later, they report: "We just were not sure there were people we could invite to our church who would come. But there are, and we are growing. This is exciting for us."

Evangelism is being lived in local churches of the United Church of Christ as people invite others to "come and see." Over 1,750 local church teams from across the United States have participated in the "We Covenant To Grow" program.

In church after church, members are realizing that evangelism in the UCC means inviting others to experience and know the Christian faith. They are discovering fresh ways to tell of their faith—their own experience of God's presence and power in their lives.

Yes, growing in faith, in spirit, and in membership and witness in the world—it is possible!

R. Alan Johnson
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries

PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE



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Ryan Harris, Acolyte today
Judge Marsh McLelland, Liturgist today

January 24, 1988 11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Psalm Prelude II: Psalm 23" Herbert Howells

Choral Call to Worship "All My Hope on God Is Founded"
Herbert Howells

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. In the darkness and emptiness of much we call life,
the Spirit moves among us, calling us into new being.
- P. We are here to seek light amid the shadows,
fulfillment out of hollowness and despair.
- L. From separation and bitterness, apathy and hatred,
God, in Christ, calls us to steadfast love and
reconciliation.
- P. We have come to find healing and peace, to
experience forgiveness, acceptance, and purpose.
- L. In the midst of the ordinary, God has come to us. In
our everyday worlds, God continues to visit and redeem.
- P. Come, Holy Spirit, to baptize us with fire. We await
your word and the power of your benediction.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you gave us the Gospel that in it your children
might be one; but blind and self-willed, we have drawn

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be this evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a covered dish supper in the Parish House. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to join the congregation for its covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House this evening. This will take the place of our regularly scheduled College Student Supper. Our next meeting will be February 7th at 5:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Donna and Wesley Snyder on the birth of a son, Andrew Welch Snyder. Dr. and Mrs. Walstein W. Snyder are the paternal grandparents.

Nursery today: Julie MacKenzie
Nursery next Sunday: Ellie Ketcham

Children's Church today: Louis Wilkins
Children's Church next Sunday: Patricia or Robin Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 24	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Covered Dish Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting
Tues., Jan. 26	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Jan. 27	6:30 p.m.	Children's Task Force
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir



apart. We have lived separated from your Spirit, divided from one another, split apart from ourselves. We have wounded those we love, broken the family of God, and left ourselves homesick for your love. By your forgiveness reconcile us once more, and so touch us with the mind of Christ that we may come home to our lost unity through and in him. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 82 from Psalms 61 and 62 p. 524

Anthem "Amazing Grace" Early American Melody
arr. by Katherine K. Davis

Prayer

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Meditation: Like as the Heart" Peter Hurford

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 447 "O God of Love, O King of Peace"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during
the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-4:11

Sermon "Sidetracked Prophet, Sidetracked Readers"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Benediction

Benediction Response "As You Have Promised, Lord"

Ron Nelson

Postlude "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation may stand at these points.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 1988

JONAH 3:2

Jonah hated the Ninevites to whom God sent him. He tried to avoid delivering God's message of salvation by fleeing to Tarshish. God sent him back to Nineveh in the belly of a whale. So, reluctantly, Jonah proclaimed God's message of salvation. But Ninevites repented and were saved anyway. It is not great preachers but God's message of salvation that saves the world. "Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2).

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

THE LIFE-GIVING WATER OF FAITH

An old African proverb goes as follows: "There is only one thing worse than murder in the desert, and that is to know where there is water and not to tell."

In faith, every member of the United Church of Christ has found water in the desert. Every congregation is an oasis.

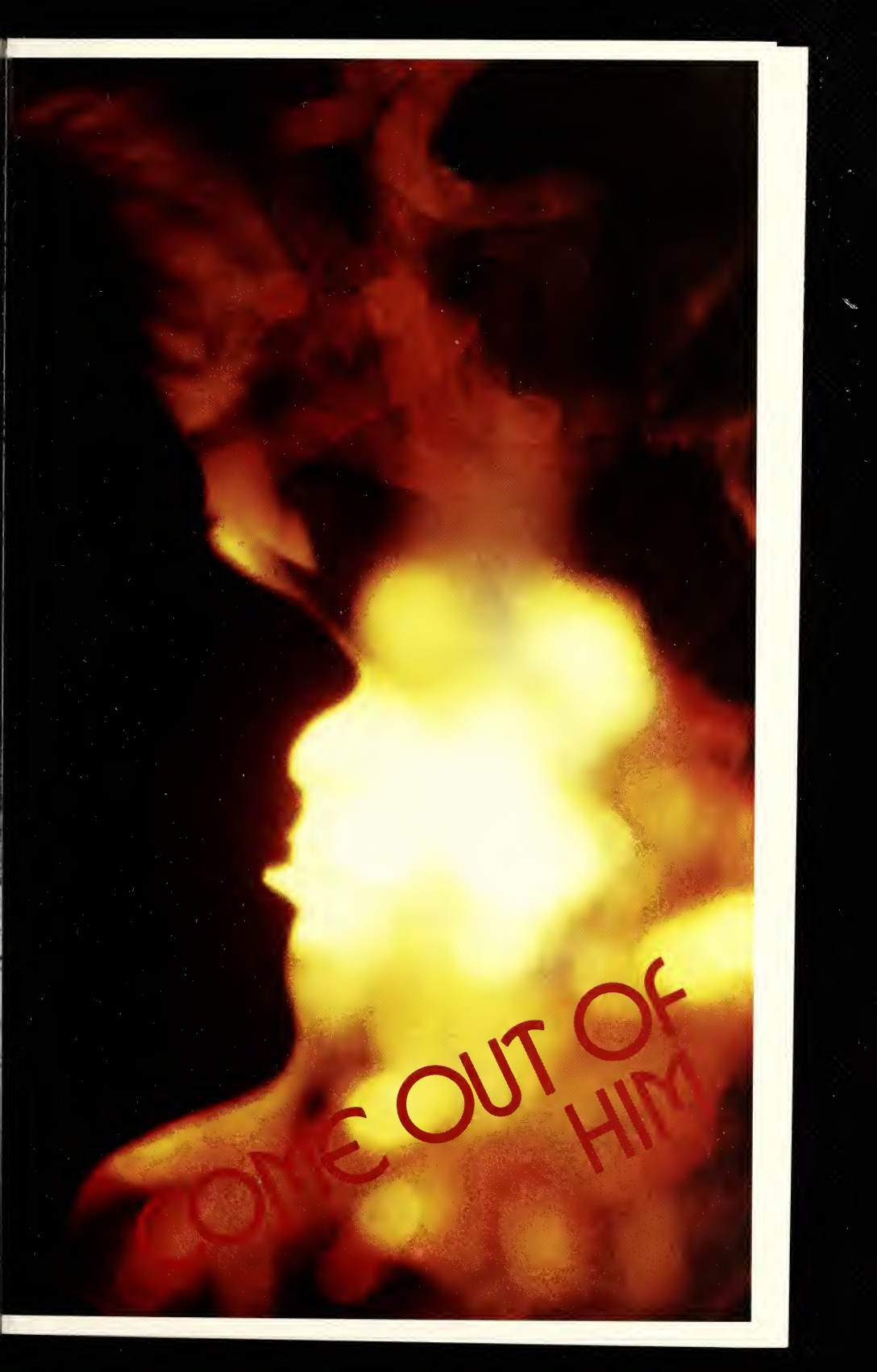
Our neighborhoods and communities are full of people who are not now active in any faith community. Many of them are looking for water in the desert.

We know where the water is. Furthermore, scripture tells us what to do: "Proclaim the message." Still, we complain that we don't know how.

The ways are many. A pastor from Wisconsin reports how her congregation put out the news: "We got to know the editor of our local paper, and now we're covered, and people are getting the message." Other churches proclaim the message through their own newsletters and brochures, through person-to-person sharing, and through their witness in the community.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries helps our congregations tell, in word and witness, where the life-giving water is.

R. Alan Johnson
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries



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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
Amy Rose and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today
Mrs. Marie Wilkins, Liturgist today

January 31, 1988 WOMEN'S SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Ora Pro Nobis" Franz Liszt

Choral Call to Worship
"Worry and Fear We Have Fostered Too Long" Dosia Carlsson

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Join the company of the upright
in praise and thanksgiving to God.
P. With our whole hearts we come,
marveling at the powerful works of our Creator.
L. God is gracious and merciful to us,
entering into covenant with all who respond.
P. In humility and amazement we answer,
for the authority of Christ compels us.
L. God calls us to prophetic witness
and judges the truth of our words and deeds.
P. Out of our need for renewal and clearer vision
we are here to remember and learn.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 372 "How Firm a Foundation"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

Keeper and Companion of us all, our hearts are often fearful
forgive us.

You call us like Eve, to co-create new worlds.
But we turn away and backslide into the comfortable or
the certain.

You call us, like Miriam, to march for freedom.
But we turn away and glory in how far we have come,
forgetting how far we have to go.

You call us, like Deborah, to judge our world, to make
decisions, and offer counsel. But we turn away and
apologize for our anger and compromise our positions.

You call us, like Huldah, to do justice and love mercy.
But we turn away and practice our passivity, purity,
and piety.

You call us, like Naomi and Ruth, to love one another.
But we turn away and compete, taking vengeance on those
most like ourselves.

You call us, like Mary, to be faithful bearers of your
word. But we turn away and strive to become perfectionists.

You call us, like Thecla and Phoebe, to begin a new church.
But we turn away and accept a place in the system,
rationalizing things the way they are.

Merciful Healer, we do not claim our gifts. Our hearts
are often fearful. We do not face up to your call. We
do not appreciate your partnership in creating a new
community and a new world. Today we repent. We turn from
our old ways and commit ourselves to new partnerships for
holding on and to new visions for a different heaven and
earth.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading

Attend to me, and answer me, O God,
I am overcome by my trouble.

Why hast thou cast me off? Why go I mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?

I am poured out like water; my heart is melted
within my breast; my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
thou dost lay me in the dust of death.

- P. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart
take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!
- L. When you see an army larger than your own,
you shall not be afraid of them;
for the Lord your God is with you,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
- P. The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- L. The disciples woke him in the boat, saying,
"Master, Master, we are perishing!"
- P. And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging
waves, and there was a calm.
- L. He said to them, "Where is your faith?"
- P. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid;
for I know you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has risen, as he said."
- L. "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor
with God."
- P. When I am afraid, I put my trust in thee.

Anthem "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" arr. Paul Manz

Presentation of Life Membership in Church Women of the
Southern Conference to Mrs. Mabel Veazey

Prayer

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Alas, My God"

Johann Walther

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 217

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:20-28

Meditations on "What Do We Do When We're Afraid?"

Mary Kimball, Robin McCraw, Reggie McLelland and
Verona Danielely

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Atkinson.

Circles 1 & 2 of the Women's Fellowship will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Church. Circle 3 will meet tomorrow evening. Circle 4 will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

The first in a series of SENIOR CITIZEN LECTURES will be on Tuesday, February 2 at 10 a.m. in the Parish house. Dr. Warren Board, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Elon College, will speak on "Frontiers in Higher Education." Dr. Board has years of experience and observation in the management of higher education and is currently involved in some innovations.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Ellie Ketcham

Nursery next Sunday: Robin McCraw

Children's Church today: Patricia or Robin Woody

Children's Church next Sunday: Lou Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan 31	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon., Feb 1	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Tues., Feb. 2	10:00 a.m.	Senior Citizen Lecture
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 4
Wed., Feb. 3	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir



PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

Samuel Howard

*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 1988

Mark 1:25

Clean and unclean spirits dwell in all of us. Sin and sickness reign wherever unclean spirits get the upper hand. We get well after they are commanded, in the name of Jesus Christ, to "be silent and come out." And this is often accomplished only with emotional convulsion and much crying out in pain. But the end is certain. Our salvation is secure. "... we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life . . . nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39).

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

There are Christians today who expect God to intervene catastrophically in history and wipe out this wicked world. The Day of Armageddon is coming soon, they say.

These Christians lack one of the essentials of the faith: hope for the world.

We can give thanks on this Ecumenical Sunday that other Christians, during the early years of this century, refused to despair that the First World War "Armageddon" marked the end of the world. Instead, they made it the beginning point of the modern ecumenical movement.

One such Christian was Lutheran Archbishop Nathan Soderblom of Sweden. Shamed by the failure of the Christian churches to prevent the war, and outraged that Christians lined up on opposite sides of the conflict, after the Armistice he rallied church leaders from both sides to bring Christian principles to bear upon international relations.

The outcome of his initiative was the first great official church conclave of modern times, the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work, held in Stockholm in 1925. From that meeting came the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work, one of the parents of the World Council of Churches.

The modern ecumenical movement was born in courage and determination at a time of trial.



Let us go on

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Youth and Children's Ministries
Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today

February 7, 1988

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "In Thee, alone, O Christ, my Lord" Johann Pachelbel
"Chorale" William Mathia

Choral Call to Worship "The Church of Christ is One"
Stanley Tag

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. The star of divine promise shines before us still.
P. Over a world of mute hopes, dim visions, dark fears,
still the light shines.
L. In a world shrouded by darkness
both tragic and willful,
P. Still we proclaim: our light has come.
The glory of God shines upon us.
L. For One born of God is born of our own flesh,
and that One is light for our lives.
P. As we receive the light and let it shine through us,
it rises as a beacon for a darkened world.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Responsive Confession

- L. The Light comes to the world:
P. Our eyes, long used to darkness,
fatigued from long searching, blink and twitch.
We twist away and do not answer.

The Light comes to our lives:
 Shuddering with the warmth,
 preferring loneliness to the pain of answering,
 we jerk away and do not answer.
 The Light comes to touch our bodies
 and our spirit-minds:
 But we are lost in logic, living in our heads.
 Our bodies give us away to the truth of isolation.
 Calling, calling our names, the Light comes:
 Preferring to hear it as the ice-rattling branches
 of winter trees, we turn away, crouched against
 the wind, and do not answer.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading #74 Psalm 34

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Antiphon "God Is A Spirit" from Twelve Canticles

Randall Thompson

Prayer

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Confertory

"Intermezzo"

Louis Vierne

Exology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 1:14-18

Homily "Seeing the Face of God"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

- *Hymn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"
*Benediction
*Benediction Response "When Thou Liest Down" from
Twelve Canticles Randall Thompson
*Postlude "Fanfare" Kenneth Leighton

*The congregation may stand at these points.

Nursery today: Robin McCraw
Nursery next Sunday: Reggie McLelland

Children's Church today: Lou Harper
Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Howard Richardson.

A memorial service for the late REV. MELVIN DOLLAR will be held at Carolina United Church of Christ at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 14th.

THE FUN CLUB will not meet on Tuesday, February 9th. We will meet on Tuesday, February 16th and share in the Winter Lecture Series planned by the Board of Christian Education. After the lecture, all club members are invited to go to the Golden Corral and share fun and good fellowship.

Copies of the February issue of the "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS" are available in the narthex.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TRIP TO GERMANY

Across recent years the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Church of the Union (EKU) in Germany have been in "full communion," which includes groups of visitors traveling back and forth. This summer, the Southern Conference will be sponsoring a trip to both East and West Germany, June 14 through July 6. Staying in homes of church members, costs are kept down and cross-cultural contacts are increased. It is estimated that \$1500 will be more than adequate for this trip. Most food, lodging, and travel costs in Germany will be paid for by the EKU. Flight will be from and to Raleigh. After a week in Berlin, and a week in Bochum (a small city near Dusseldorf), the third week will be spent in Bonn.

If you are at all interested, call Lisa Barrows at the Southern Conference Office, 584-0027 promptly for further information.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 7	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Student Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Tues., Feb. 9	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Feb. 10	6:30 p.m.	Children's Ministry Task Force
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 7, 1988

Mark 1:38

The church cannot rest on past accomplishments. A local ministry, by itself, is never a sufficiently faithful Christian ministry. When the disciples suggested they limit their ministry to Capernaum and its immediate environs, Jesus responded by saying: "Let us go on to the next towns," that the Good News of the Kingdom of God may be preached there as well. We dare not do less.

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
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MISSION

The past few years have seen a rising new consciousness of local church mission. In response to needs in their communities, congregations have established food pantries and overnight shelters. Even peace activities, once considered remote, are now part of local church programs. In recognition of local mission, congregations now share in the gifts from the Just Peace Appeal and the new Strengthen the Church offering.

Along with congregational autonomy goes the temptation to identify mission with the local church. But while it is distorted to see mission as always "out there," it is equally myopic to portray all ministry as "right here."

While no community is immune to poverty, for example, some areas are so impoverished that they can be reached only through a combined national effort. And while toxic pollution threatens all of us, the threat is concentrated in minority communities that lack the means to address the problem. And it is obvious that ministries we support abroad can be maintained only through our combined efforts.

If Christian mission is witness, it cannot be delegated. All of us must be involved. Yet our mission is wider than our community. Jesus commanded the disciples to be "witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). With our gifts, together we support those who carry out Our Church's Wider Mission.

A close-up portrait of a Black woman with a joyful expression, her eyes slightly closed and a wide smile showing her teeth. She is wearing a vibrant red, button-down shirt. A lei made of large, white, ruffled paper flowers is draped around her head. The background is dark and out of focus.

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February 14, 1988

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Dietrich Buxtehude

Choral Call to Worship "Baptized in Water" David Walker

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace
and truth, the light and life of humanity.

P. Great is God's love for us. Alleluia!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 6

"O Worship the King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, our Creator, through your gracious love proclaimed
in baptism, you have made us your sons and daughters. But
we rebel against your authority, and do not live as
responsible members of your family. We envy those whom we
judge to be more fortunate than we are, while ignoring
those whom we consider less privileged. We hold at a
distance brothers and sisters in Christ who are different
from us, and avoid those who challenge our narrowness.
Your zeal for justice and righteousness finds only faint
expression in our lives. Drive out from among us all
unworthy motives and desires, and place within us a love
that reaches out to all that you have made, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Dr. Melvin Dollar by Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Dollar and Scott.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for the Rev. Dr. Melvin Dollar, who died recently, will be held at Carolina UCC this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Remember the second in our series of Senior Lectures this Tuesday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Brumbaugh lived "next door" to Nicaragua, in Costa Rica, for a year and a half during the 70's in connection with his political science studies. Last summer he visited both countries. He will bring us some slides along with his comments. First-hand observations should broaden our understanding of the region. Everyone is invited to go to lunch at the Golden Corral afterwards with members of the Fun Club. (For purposes of these lectures and this lunch, a senior citizen is anyone who is free on Tuesday mornings!)

The CHILDREN'S AND ADULT CHOIRS will not meet this Wednesday.

Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Reggie McLelland
Nursery next Sunday: Patsy Oliver

Children's Church today: Beth Lyon
Children's Church next Sunday: Sue or Jim Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sun., Feb. 14 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
6:00 p.m. Appreciation Supper for
Church School Teachers
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- Tues., Feb. 16 - 10:00 a.m. Senior Citizen Lecture
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- Thurs., Feb. 18 - 10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Lenten Study Group

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
(for one child)

Brothers and sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of Baptism.

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT. THERE IS ONE
HOPE IN GOD'S CALL TO US.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Jesus said: unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the realm of God. Paul the Apostle said: all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

THIS IS THE WATER OF BAPTISM. OUT OF THIS WATER
WE RISE WITH NEW LIFE, FORGIVEN OF SIN AND ONE IN
CHRIST, EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, MEMBERS OF
CHRIST'S BODY.

To parent(s): Do you desire to have your child
baptized?

Parent(s): I/we do.

To parent(s) and sponsor(s): Do you promise, by the
grace of God, to walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
showing love and justice as best you are able?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help
of God.

Do you promise to show this child a Christian life,
grow with this child in the Christian faith, guide
this child in a life of prayer, and offer this
child the nurture of the Christian church?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help
of God.

TO THE CONGREGATION:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and offers them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he/she lives and grows in Christ?

People: WE DO.

Baptismal Hymn (sung to the tune of "Morning Has Broken"):

_____, WE GREET YOU, THIS HAPPY MORNING,
YOUR DAY OF LIFE WE NOW RECOGNIZE.
HERE IS THE WATER, WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE NAME YOU, AND WITH THANKSGIVING
OFFER OUR PRAYERS, AND SING YOU THIS SONG.
WE ARE THE CHURCH, YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

_____, WE ARE ALL OF GOD OUR FATHER,
RISKING AND LOVING, DARING TO SEE
THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM GROWING AMONG US.
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ
Statement of Faith (Doxological version)*

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our
Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we
testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from
aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified
and risen Savior,
You have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE BAPTISM

BAPTISM

By what name will your child be called?

_____, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May the Holy Spirit be upon you, _____, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

UNISON PRAYER

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, HOLY GOD, MOTHER AND FATHER OF ALL THE FAITHFUL, FOR THIS PERSON WASHED IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM. EMBRACE US ALL AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE ONE HOUSEHOLD OF YOUR LOVE. GRANT US GRACE TO RECEIVE, VALUE, LOVE, SUPPORT, NURTURE AND BEFRIEND THIS NEW MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

O God, bless this parent/these parents (and this sponsor/these sponsors).
Grant them the patience and love to guide this child in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church.

Once you were a stranger and sojourner.
NOW YOU ARE EQUALLY A CITIZEN WITH US IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.
Go in the peace of Christ.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Someone, Jesus Loves You" arr. Betty Pulkingham
(This song is sung in honor of the Baptism of
Anna Marie Wilkins)

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

The Sacrament of Baptism

Offering

Offertory "O Most Merciful" Melody from Munster Gesangbuch

Doxology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 370 "He Leadeth Me"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 4:3-6

Sermon "Seeing What's There"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Benediction Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart"
Alice Jordan

Postlude "Fugue in G Minor" Dietrich Buxtehude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

(Transfiguration)

FEBRUARY 14, 1988

2 Corinthians 4:6

God brought order out of chaos with the words "Let there be light." But the darkness did not disappear. It continued to reign over much of God's creation and in all human hearts. So, in the fullness of time, that the darkness of sin and death might be lifted from a perishing world and its people, "the God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness,' " on the day of creation, "has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

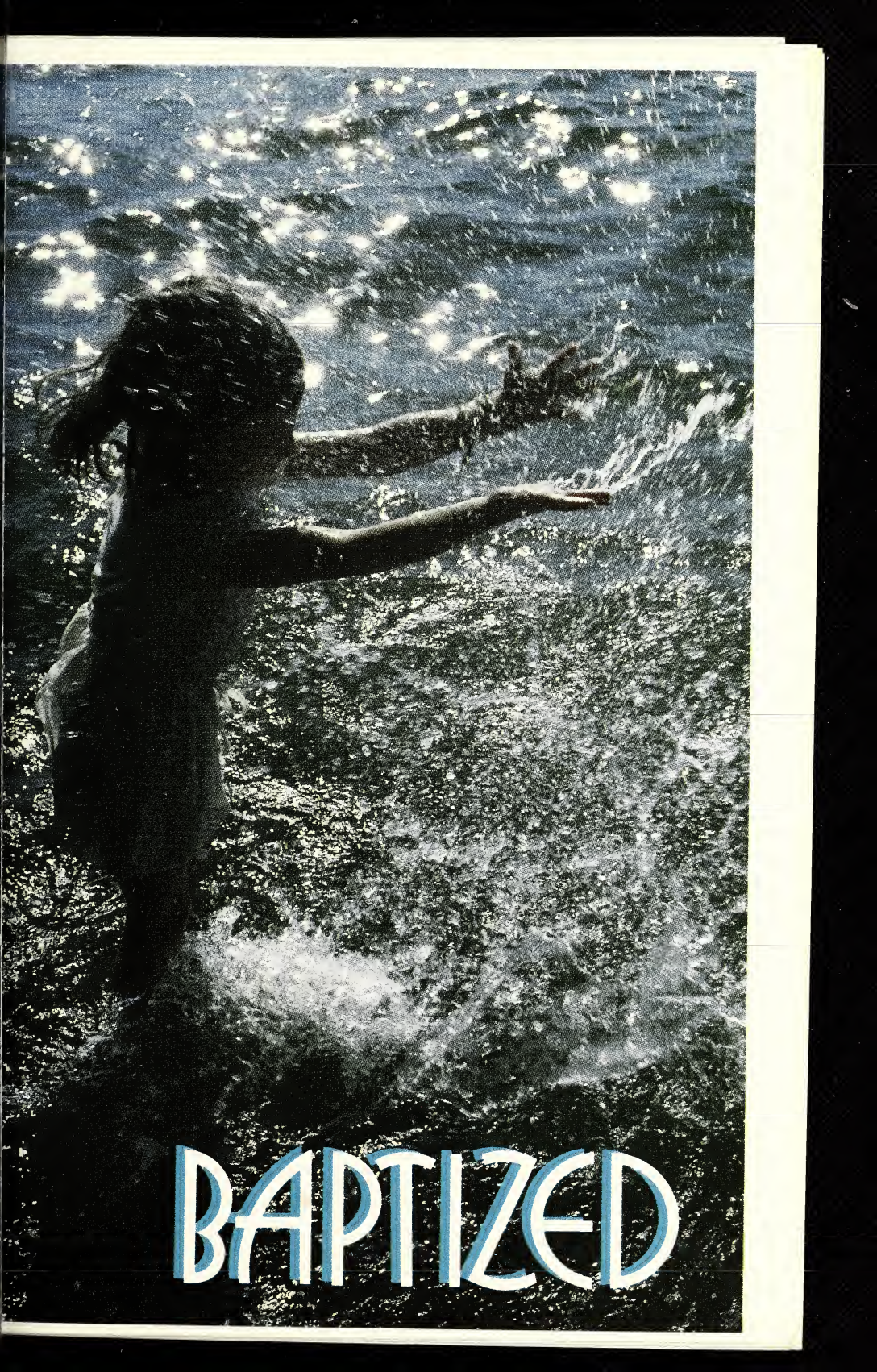
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Wayzata, Minnesota

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Like all great prophets, Martin Luther King, Jr., possessed the vision to see beyond his specific time and place. Even as he spearheaded the non-violent movement for civil rights in America, he recognized that racism was not only an American problem. More than twenty years ago, King defined the world's crisis in race relations in words that remain equally pertinent today:

"Once the aspirations and appetites of the world have been whetted by . . . Western technology and the self-image of a people awakened by religion, one cannot hope to keep people locked out of the earthly kingdom of wealth, health, and happiness. Either they share in the blessings of the world or they organize to break down and overthrow those structures or governments which stand in the way of their goals."

Faithful to its name, the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice defines those goals in terms of the human rights that have been too long denied too many persons on the basis of their color. "God hath made of one blood all nations...." (Acts 17:26). Thus, in keeping with scripture, the specific goal of the Commission for Racial Justice is to help bring about the kingdom of God. We support racial justice with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
Rob Woody and Scott Dollar, Acolytes today

February 21, 1988

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Meditation on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Leo Sower

Choral Call to Worship "Create in Me" Alice Jordan

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We have gathered in the presence of God our Creator,
who sets before us the ways of life and death.

P. We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ
who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that
we may know its joy.

L. We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit,
who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.
In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy.
Let us worship God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of your
love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; yet
when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfort

of our chains. You speak to us through your prophets,
telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers you; yet
we harden our hearts and close our ears. You come to us
in Jesus, revealing your love for all people and suffering
pain for us; still we do not turn in love and obedience
to you. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust
in ourselves and the things that we do; we can trust only
in your grace. Speak the word, O God, and we shall be
made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage
to serve you with renewed hearts and wills; through the
grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

anthem	"O, How Precious"	Raymond H. Haan
prayer		Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

ffering		
ffertory	"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"	Leo Sowerby
oxology (#515)		
prayer of Dedication		
ntroduction to Lenten Hymn of the Month		
ymn 325	"Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st"	
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)		

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

prayer for Illumination		
cripture Reading:	Genesis 9:8-15	
edication	"Under the Rainbow"	John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy H

*Hymn 404 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Let All Mortal Flesh"
Traditional French Carol

*Postlude Five versets of Te Deum
Anonymous, 16th Century

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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COMMUNION LITURGY H

We are now about to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. This table of the Lord is open to all fellow Christians; and although none should partake of these sacred emblems impenitent or without faith in Christ, we cordially invite all who are sincerely seeking him to come to his table, in the assurance that he who came into the world to be the Savior of all will in no wise cast them out.

Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may; come to testify not that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be his true disciples; come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help; come, not to express an opinion, but to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit.

For by grace I received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you.

WITH THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, WITH THOSE WHO ARE WITH US NOW, WITH THOSE WHO FOLLOW US, WE SHARE THIS MEAL.

that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

WE CONFESS OUR BETRAYALS, BUT COME AT YOUR INVITATION TO TAKE BREAD.

and when he had given thanks,

WE THANK YOU LORD, FOR YOUR BREAD.

he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you."

IT IS FOR US.

"Do this in remembrance of me."

WE REMEMBER.

In the same way also the cup, after supper.

THANK YOU LORD, FOR THE CUP.

(over)

saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

IT IS YOUR BLOOD FOR US.

"Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

WE REMEMBER.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

IN THE EATING AND DRINKING WE REMEMBER YOUR DEATH
AND YOUR PROMISE AND ARE ENABLED TO LIVE AGAIN.
AMEN.

(The bread is served to the people, servers,
and minister.)

In remembrance of the death of Christ and of our redemption in Him, we break this bread as we say:

THIS BREAD WHICH WE BREAK IS THE COMMUNION OF
THE BODY OF CHRIST.

(The cup is served to the people, servers,
and minister.)

In grateful remembrance that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin, we affirm in unison:

THIS CUP WHICH WE DRINK IS THE COMMUNION OF
THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

(Unison Prayer after communing:)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE FOREVERMORE: ABIDE WITH US IN RICH MEMORY, AS YOU STAYED IN THE HEARTS OF THE DISCIPLES WHO WALKED WITH YOU ALONG THE EMMAUS ROAD, AND WHO KNEW YOU IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD. MAY WE FEEL OUR HEARTS BURN WITH- IN US AT YOUR CONTINUING PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES, UNTIL ALL GOOD AND TRUE AND HOLY THINGS ARE LOVELY TO US, AND WE FIND NOTHING TO FEAR BUT THAT WHICH IS HATEFUL IN YOUR SIGHT. LIFT US ABOVE ALL THAT IS SELFISH AND UNWORTHY, UNTIL WE GAIN WITH YOU THE FINAL VICTORY, AND REJOICE WITH YOU IN YOUR KINGDOM. AMEN.

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Nursery today: Patsy Oliver
Nursery next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

Children's Church today: Sue or Jim Brown
Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 21 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
 9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Church Council
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Student Supper

Tues., Feb. 23 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts -
 Blue and Gold Banquet

Wed., Feb. 24 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thurs., Feb. 25 - 10:15 a.m. Lenten Study Group
 7:30 p.m. Lenten Study Group

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 1988

Mark 1:9

Lent begins with Jesus being baptized by John. We too are baptized so that, with him who was crucified, dead and buried and on the third day rose again, we might walk in newness of life. Baptism saves us "not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). So, we enter Lent's forty days in the wilderness, to be tempted by evil, knowing that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand.

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

CHANGE

A North American missionary couple came home after more than ten years in Africa. It was time for study and reflection, and so they took a small church near the university where they would pursue their course of study.

After the dynamic life and faith of the partner church they had served in Africa, the couple was not prepared for the cautious, defensive, even unyielding attitude prevalent in their new congregation. Unlike their African partners, these American Christians had come to identify their religion with the status quo. "I realized that their attitude called into serious question my vocation and entire ministry," the husband concluded.

Christians engaged in mission are agents of change. This is not merely an accurate description of the case; it is a definition of the gospel. The good news Jesus announced is the Kingdom of God. Nothing could be further from the status quo, as the authorities acknowledged when they condemned Jesus to death. To preach good news to the poor and release to the captives, to bring sight to the blind and to set free those who are oppressed represented a radical program two thousand years ago, and it still does.

In the United Church of Christ, part of our effort to work for the kingdom of God is sustained by our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
Amy Rose and Emily Woody, Acolytes today

February 28, 1988

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "De Profundis" (Out of the Depths Have I Cried)
Jean Langla

Choral Call to Worship "Out of the Depths Have I Cried"
Heinrich Schu

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship David Cunha, Liturgi

L. The way of worship invites us:

"Give thanks, call on God's name."

P. We remember God's wonderful works
and our hearts rejoice in God's presence.

L. The way of the covenant beckons us:

"Walk blameless before your God."

P. God awakens our faith and trust
and calls forth righteousness.

L. The way of the cross summons us:

"Deny yourself and follow."

P. Christ challenges our complacency
and bids us risk all for the gospel.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we confess that we have trusted our
narrow understandings rather than seek your will. We have

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Nursery today: Marie Wilkins

Nursery next Sunday: Edith Shotzberger

Children's Church today: Beth Lyon

Children's Church next Sunday: George or Carole Troxler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb. 28	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
			9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			5:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper
Tues.,	Mar. 1	-	10:00 a.m.	Senior Citizen Lecture
			3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
			7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar. 2	-	6:30 p.m.	Children Choir
			7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Mar. 3	-	10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
			7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group



taken our direction from the world rather than question the way things are ordered here. We have put our confidence in riches and worldly status. We have closed our ears to your call and, when we have heard that call, defied it. Even when we have followed we have resisted the evidence of your activity in our midst. Forgive us, Powerful One, and save us from ourselves, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 62

Psalms 1

p. 515

Anthem "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

Everett Titcomb

Prayer

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "When Adam Fell the Human Race"

Augustus Homilious

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 325 "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14,
20-25; Luke 13:6-9.

Sermon "That Unfortunate Fig Tree"

John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "When Thou Liest Down" from
Twelve Canticles Randall Thompson

Postlude "Fugue on the 'Kyrie'"
Francois Couperin

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 1988

Mark 8:31

"He was despised and rejected. . . a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). So Jesus predicted what the world would afterwards say about him. Peter protested: "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." Jesus replied: ". . . whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in . . . glory" (Mark 8:38). That judgment hangs over all of us. Do we also seek to deny Christ his cross lest it require us to take up our own?

Rev. James McCutcheon
Wayzata Community Church
Wayzata, Minnesota

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Mary Ellen James, a Presbyterian woman who sensed the many needs of people in the United States, called for a national day of prayer in 1887. The response was great, and soon women of many churches—with vision for their own nation and for the world and belief in the power of prayer and its motivation to action—called other Christians to an annual day of prayer.

1988 begins a second century of the World Day of Prayer, a movement of global dimensions, unique in its expression in local communities and in its leadership by laywomen of the church. On Friday, March 4, Christians in some 170 countries and regions will gather to pray. The same theme and worship service, prepared this year by women of Brazil and translated into hundreds of languages and dialects, will be shared.

Jesus calls his followers to lives of prayer and service to others. The World Day of Prayer invites Christians to join in prayer and prayerful action.

"O give thanks to God, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!" Psalm 105:1

Cleda Locey
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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 Amy Rose and Emily Woody, Acolytes today

March 6, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O God, Thou Faithful God" Johannes Bra
 Introit "Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)" Larry K
 Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms
 Responsive Call to Worship
 L. Gather to ponder the wisdom and law of God.
 Draw near to share in God's strength and power.
 P. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
 God's testimony is sure, making wise the simple.
 L. The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart;
 God's commandments are pure, enlightening the eyes.
 P. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
 God's ordinances are true and righteous altogether
 ALL: Let the words of our mouths
 and the meditations of our hearts
 be acceptable in your sight,
 O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We come to you, O God, an unfaithful people. We have
 sinned against you and done much that is evil in your
 sight. The shadows of sin dominate us, and our secret
 faults separate us from the light and knowledge of your

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Nursery today: Edith Shotzberger

Nursery next Sunday: Jackie Pendergrass

Children's Church today: George or Carole Troxler

Children's Church next Sunday:

Ann or R. J. Acquilano

We receive the following people today,

By letter of transfer:

Beth Lyon from Pilgrim UCC, Durham, N.C.

Richard McBride from First Baptist Church,
Hillsborough

Carolyn Messick from Plymouth United Methodist
Church, Plymouth, N.C.

Roberta Starr from St. Mark's Lutheran Church,
Roanoke, Virginia

Jim Starr on profession of faith.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar. 6 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		3:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship - Executive Committee
		4:00 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL
		6:00 p.m.	Student Supper
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Tues.,	Mar. 8 -	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar. 9 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Mar. 10-	10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
		7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group
Sat.,	Mar. 12-	9:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Breakfast - General Meeting

PARTNERS IN GOD'S NEW CREATION

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Traditional Welsh Melody



1. One great hour, the world re - solves to Share life a - new.
2. Mo - thers, fa - thers, all God's chil - dren, Live life a - new.



With God's grace and with full mea - sure, Bless life a - new.
Earth u - ni - ted in one fam - 'ly, Gives life a - new.



Wa - ter flows and God em - pow - ers, In - fants thrive and corn - fields flow - er,
Bread and peace and jus - tice flow - ing, Winds of change and joy are blow - ing,



Spir - it of God's new cre - a - tion, Breathe life a - new.
Par - tners in God's new cre - a - tion, Share life a - new.





CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Leader: We welcome into the membership of our church today the following person(s) by

Friends, we greet you in Christ's name and Spirit. You come not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We welcome you to the worship and work of Elon College Community Church. We invite you to become a part of Christ's mission among us and through us.

People: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

Leader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

New Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

Unison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

presence. Have mercy on us, blot out our transgressions, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more. Purge us and we will be clean; wash us and we will be purer than newfallen snow. Grant us, O God, a new and right Spirit. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 136 from Revelation 21 and 22 p. 548

Anthem "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
T. Frederick H. Candlyr.

Reception of New Members see insert

Prayer

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Blessed Are Ye Faithful" Johannes Brahms

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 5:16-6:2, Jerusalem Bible

Sermon "Partners in God's New Creation" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn "Partners in God's New Creation" see insert

*Benediction

*Benediction Response Chimes

*Postlude "Prelude in C Minor" J. S. Bach

*The congregation may stand at these points.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 1988

I Corinthians 1:23

Signs and wisdom are still in demand.

"Is the Dow-Jones up or down?"

What university and which degree?

Does Gallup find a popular trend?

Ethics by consensus, is the truth all relative?

But here comes Christ the Crucified--

Wisdom, truth of radical sort--

Life poured out from arms held wide.

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds

First United Church of Christ

Hollywood, Florida

BROOKLAWN

Founded in 1851 as an orphanage by our German Evangelical forebears, Brooklawn possesses a long history of caring for young people in the Louisville, Kentucky area.

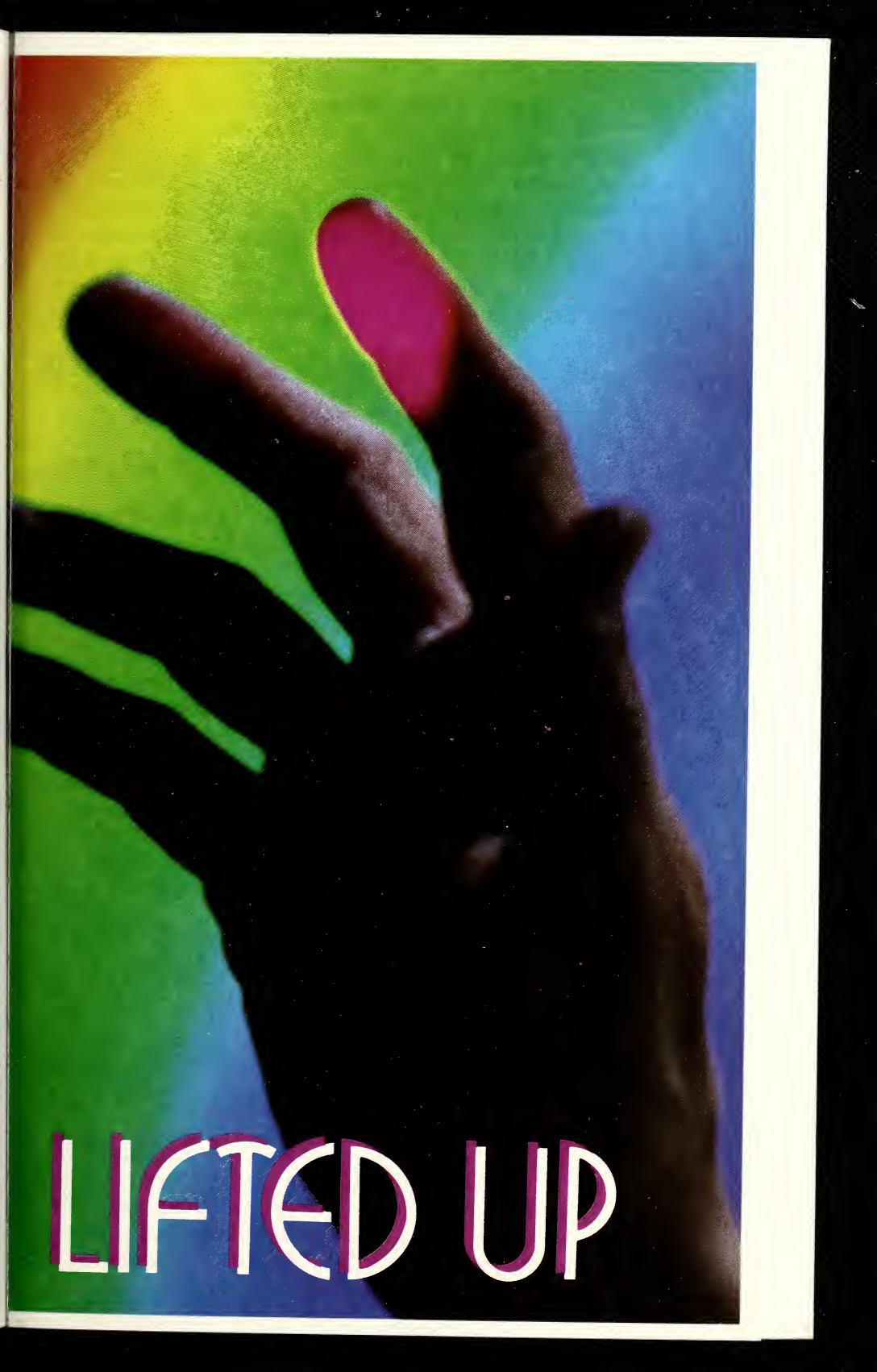
And, as the needs of youth have changed, so has Brooklawn.

In the early 1980s, the Brooklawn trustees became alarmed at the rising incidence of drug and alcohol abuse among young people. In response to the need for treatment, they voted to convert their facilities to provide this new ministry of service. Renovated, Brooklawn's campus can now accommodate forty-four patients as well as a professional staff of physicians, nurses, clergy, therapists, and other specialists.

Brooklawn calls its holistic approach to substance abuse "The Road Back to Freedom." This multi-dimensional program is personalized to the needs of each individual. Because dependency affects more than the individual, however, a family program is also a part of the Brooklawn approach.

At its annual meeting in 1987, the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ honored Brooklawn as the "Innovative Program of the Year." The honor is bestowed in recognition of a program that is original in concept, effective in implementation, and applicable to other member agencies.

Brooklawn: one of over two hundred health and human service ministries in the United Church of Christ.



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Youth and Children's Ministries
Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today

March 13, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Have Mercy, Lord, My Sin Forgive" J. S. B

Introit "Thou Whose Purpose Is To Kindle" Ronald Ar

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Let us come from our exile
to meet the God who sets us free.

P. What does it mean to be free?
How can we make the choices freedom offers?

L. Let us come from our lives of unfaithfulness
to encounter the God whose care is unceasing.

P. What does faithfulness require of us?
How can we, unworthy ones, accept God's care?

L. Let us come from the shadows where we have hidden
to rejoice in the God who brings light and hope.

P. What will happen when our deeds are revealed?
How will our lives be changed by God's truth?

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 199 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we turn again to you, marveling at your patience.
Each time we turn we bring the same disappointments, the
same sins, the same promises. Too many times we have pl
you with prayer on prayer, without earnest and honest
effort to put our house in order, to labor at the

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow.

Nursery today: Jackie Pendergrass
Nursery next Sunday: Bobbie Scarlata

Children's Church today: Ann or R. J. Acquilano
Children's Church next Sunday: Julie or Jeff
Mackenzie

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Mar. 13	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon., Mar. 14	-	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics Class
Tues., Mar. 15	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Mar. 16	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs., Mar. 17	-	10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group
Mar. 18	- 20 -		Confirmation Retreat - BRAG
Sat., Mar. 19	-	9:00 a.m.	Playground Workday



PARTNERS IN GOD'S NEW CREATION

Kate Goodspeed, 1987

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Traditional Welsh Melody

1. One great hour, the world re - solves to Share life a - new.
2. Mo - thers, fa - thers, all God's chil - dren, Live life a - new.

With God's grace and with full mea - sure, Bless life a - new.
Earth u - ni - ted in one fam - 'ly, Gives life a - new.

Wa - ter flows and God em - pow - ers, In - fants thrive and corn - fields flow - er,
Bread and peace and jus - tice flow - ing, Winds of change and joy are blow - ing.

Spir - it of God's new cre - a - tion, Breathe life a - new.
Par - tners in God's new cre - a - tion, Share life a - new.



foundations, and to practice with diligence the elementary drudgery of training our souls to be spiritually competent. Forgive us, Lord, for words uttered without serious intention, words that mean nothing at all, words that make us forget how deeply we need you. Help us now to turn again to you with every real hunger of our self, that we may learn of your love; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 122 from Jeremiah 31 p. 543

Anthem "As Tenderly As a Father" John Shepherd

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Have Mercy, O Lord" Peter Corneli

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Partners in God's New Creation" see insert
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: II Chronicles 36:14-23, John 3:14-21,
Romans 8:1-11

Sermon "The Banishment of Condemnation"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart"
Alice Jordan

*Postlude "Vivace" Hugo Distler

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 1988

John 3:14

Our darkness weighs upon us; our leadened lives seem lost.
Disease and guilt still plague us.
Nuclear night and rampant evil loom.

But God has broken our cycle of death and lifted up new hope!
Our wilderness blossoms by Jesus the Christ.
We are freed from the shackles of sin.
We are freed to live together in peace.
We are freed to love if we will.

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds
First United Church of Christ
Hollywood, Florida

MUD STOVES

For you and me, an open fire is a novelty. But for millions of Third World peoples, it is a daily necessity for cooking food. Demands for firewood in Africa, Asia and Latin America are destroying forests at an alarming rate. Forests are not only a source of fuel, but also a defense against soil erosion.

Fetching wood takes longer as forests are cut back, so mothers are away from home longer. Left alone, infants and children eat less often. Untended, they risk burns from open fires.

An innovative new technology promises to reduce the consumption of firewood in Third World societies. The "banco," a simple clay stove made of straw and mud, represents an "appropriate" response to the need for a safer and more efficient way of cooking food.

Built from molds, the "stove that saves trees" pays for itself in less than a month because it is three times as efficient as an open fire.

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are being used in Africa to introduce and develop this "appropriate" new technology that not only reduces the rate of deforestation, but also contributes to a better life for our brothers and sisters overseas.

As "Partners in God's New Creation," let us give generously again this year to One Great Hour of Sharing.

A vertical photograph of a person standing on a dark, rocky outcrop in the middle of a body of water. The person is silhouetted against a very bright, low sun that creates a massive, shimmering spray of golden light and water droplets that fills the upper half of the frame. The water's surface is dark, with the bright light reflecting off it in a path leading to the person. The overall mood is one of awe and spiritual transcendence.

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Katie Brown and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

March 20, 1988

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "When On the Cross the Saviour Hung"--
Chorale and Fugue Samuel Scheffer
Chorale Prelude J. S. Bach

Introit "O Lamb of God" John Merbecke

Welcome, Announcements, Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We have come to this hour to glorify God,
to sing the praise of the Most High.

P. We gather for the cleansing of our hearts
and the awakening of our spirits.

L. May God write the law of love on our hearts
and restore in us the joy of salvation.

P. We seek deliverance from temptation and guilt
and forgiveness for all our sin.

L. Let us enter into covenant obedience,
even if faithfulness leads to a cross.

P. We want to lift up our voices
and renew our vows to be God's people.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 459 "With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Because we have seen pain without being moved,
because we forget your love with solemn pride,

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Nursery today: Bobbie Scarlata
Nursery next Sunday: Nell Snyder

Children's Church today: Julie or Jeff MacKenzie
Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar. 20	- 9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
Mon.,	Mar. 21	- 7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Mar. 22	-10:00 a.m.	Senior Citizen Lecture
		3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar. 23	- 6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Mar. 24	-10:15 a.m.	Lenten Study Group
		7:30 p.m.	Lenten Study Group
Sat.,	Mar. 26	- 9:00 a.m.	PLAYGROUND WORK DAY



because we pass by happy before poverty and sadness,
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.
For speaking of love without loving our sister and brother,
for speaking of faith without living your word,
because we live without seeing our personal evil, our sin,
Christ have mercy, have mercy on us.
For our tranquility in our affluent life,
for our great falseness in preaching about poverty,
for wanting to make excuses for injustice and misery,
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Unison Reading 131 from Romans 12 p. 546

Anthem "The God of Love" Jane M. Marshall

Prayer

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" Johann N. David

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 325 "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51

Sermon "The Way to God's Heart"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 160 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "As You Have Promised, Lord"

*Postlude "Out of the Depths Have I Cried" Ron Nelson
J. Pachelbel

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 1988

John 12:23

How peculiar of Jesus to have said
There is causal relationship between serving and glory!
We all know that glory
Is headlines, money and power. Or is that glamour?

How imperceptive of us to have missed
That sacrifice defines real personhood.
It is in giving that we gain
And in living for others that we are born to eternal life.

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Hollywood, Florida

YOUR TESTAMENT

Abraham Lincoln and General Grant did it. So did Picasso and millions of other people. They all died intestate--without a will.

When someone dies without a will, his or her estate is subject to probate. After taking its cut, the decisions about who gets what of the rest are made according to state law.

Why anyone who has worked a lifetime to accumulate some wealth would let an unknown government official dispose of it has puzzled accountants and attorneys for generations. Yet, today, at least half of the adults in the United States have no will.

Making a will--with professional help--is the first step in comprehensive family financial planning. Making provision for your dependents in the event of your death is only an extension into the future of what you do every day in helping care for their current needs.

Making a will also represents faithful Christian stewardship. Your church has depended upon your support through the years of your membership. Do you intend to leave behind nothing more than an empty pew?

Your will presents an opportunity to continue your support of the church and its mission. What better way to witness to your belief in God, the source of your gifts, than in remembering where your gifts came from?

BLESSED

A large, vibrant green palm frond with a central stem, set against a background of other tropical foliage. The word 'BLESSED' is overlaid in large, stylized letters.

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March 27, 1988

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome (on the steps to the sanctuary)

The Blessing of the Palm Branches (Responsive)

L. Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

P. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L. We praise you, gracious God, for the coming of our
Savior, Jesus Christ. Before he suffered and died
he entered the city, acclaimed as King by those who
spread their garments with branches on his way.

Bless these branches now, and us as we carry them.

Grant that we may hail our King and may follow him
all the way to his cross, that with him we may be
victors over sin and death. In him and through him
we pray.

P. Amen.

L. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

P. Hosanna in the highest!

Psalms 24:7-10

L. Lift up your heads, O gates!

P. And be lifted up, everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Gatekeeper: Who is this King of glory?

L. The Lord, strong and mighty.

P. The Lord, mighty in battle.

L. Lift up your heads, O gates!

P. Yes! Lift them up, everlasting doors,

Gatekeeper: Who is this King of glory?

L. The Lord of hosts.

P. He is the King of glory.

(The doors are opened from within by the Gatekeeper)

L. Let us enter in peace.

P. In the name of Christ! Amen.

Processional "Enter His Sanctuary Singing" Hal H. H.

Anthony Brown, Jeff Page, trumpets

Erik Stegall, Jeff Pugh, trombones

THE PASSION READING

The symbols in the margin represent the following:

N: Narrator, J: Jesus, C: Crowd (Congregation),

S: various Speakers.

N: It was now two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth, and kill him; for they said,

S: "Not during the feast, lest there be a tumult of the people."

N: And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. But there were some who said to themselves indignantly,

S: "Why was the ointment thus wasted? For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor."

N: And they reproached her. But Jesus said,

J: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you will, you can do good to them; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burying. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

N: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

- S: "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the passover?"
- N: And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them,
- J: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us."
- N: And the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the passover.
And when it was evening he came with the twelve. And as they were at table eating, Jesus said,
- J: "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."
- N: They began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one after another,
- S: "Is it I?"
- N: He said to them,
- J: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread in the same dish with me. For the Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."
- N: And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said,
- J: "Take; this is my body."
- N: And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them,

- J: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."
- N: And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,
- J: "You will all fall away; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."
- N: Peter said to him,
- S: "Even though they all fall away, I will not."
- N: And Jesus said to him,
- J: "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."
- N: But he said vehemently,
- S: "If I must die with you, I will not deny you."
- N: And they all said the same.
And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,
- J: "Sit here, while I pray."
- N: And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them,
- J: "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch."
- N: And going a little farther he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said,
- J: "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt."

- N: And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,
- J: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- N: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time, and said to them,
- J: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."
- N: And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
- S: "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him and lead him away under guard."
- N: And when he came, he went up to him at once, and said,
- S: "Master!"
- N: And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them,
- J: "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."
- N: And they all forsook him, and fled.
And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body; and they seized him;

but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were assembled. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying,

"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

Yet not even so did their testimony agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus,

"Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"

But he was silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him,

"Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

And Jesus said,

"I am; and you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

And the high priest tore his garments, and said,

"Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy, What is your decision?"

And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him,

S: "Prophecy!"

N: And the guards received him with blows.

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came; and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said,

S: "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

N: But he denied it, saying,

S: "I neither know nor understand what you mean."

N: And he went out into the gateway. And the maid saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders,

S: "This man is one of them."

N: But again he denied it. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter,

S: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

N: But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

S: "I do not know this man of whom you speak."

N: And immediately the cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him,

S: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

N: And he answered him,

J: "You have said so."

N: And the chief priests accused him of many things.
And Pilate again asked him,

S: "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges
they bring against you."

N: But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate
wondered.

Now at the feast he used to release for them one
prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels
in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection,
there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came
up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do
for them. And he answered them,

S: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the
Jews?"

N: For he perceived that it was out of envy that the
chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief
priest stirred up the crowd to have him release for
them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to
them,

S: "Then what shall I do with the man whom you call
the King of the Jews?"

N: And they cried out again,

C: "Crucify him."

N: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released
for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he
delivered him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace
(that is, the praetorium); and they called together
the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a
purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they
put it on him. And they began to salute him,

S: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

N: And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon
him, and they knelt down in homage to him. And when

they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying,

C: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

N: So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying,

S: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

N: Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

J: "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabach-tha'ni?"

N: which means

J: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

N: And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

S: "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

N: And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar,
put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

S: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take
him down."

N: And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last.
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from
top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood
facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last,
he said,

S: "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

N: There were also women looking on from afar, among
whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of
James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, who,
when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered
to him; and also many other women who came up with
him to Jerusalem.

And when evening had come, since it was the day
of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,
Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the
council, who was also himself looking for the
kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate,
and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate
wondered if he were already dead; and summoning
the centurion, he asked him whether he was
already dead. And when he learned from the
centurion that he was dead, he granted the body
to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and
taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud,
and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out
of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the
door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the
mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Linda Smith Sonovick and James Richard McAdams, Jr., who were married on Sunday, March 20, 1988. Linda is the daughter of Mrs. Goldie Smith.

New "MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES" are available in the narthex. Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Nell Snyder

Nursery next Sunday: Andrea Albertson

Children's Church today: Sheree Smith

Children's Church next Sunday: Pam or Rick Kiser

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar. 27	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			2:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
			5:00 p.m.	Youth Roller Skating
			5:30 p.m.	Student Supper
			7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	Mar. 28	-	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Mar. 29	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
			7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar. 30	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
			7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
			7:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee
Thurs.,	Mar. 31	-	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Sat.,	Apr. 2	-	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt

*Hymn 155 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Prayer

The Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

The Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-10

The Epistle Reading Philippians 2:5-11

*Hymn 147 "All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine"

Sermon "And In One Bound Our Hero ..."

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace: you have come to us in great humility. But we have missed you, for we were expecting something else. We have sought the joy and victory of faith without the suffering and sacrifice of the cross. We have wanted an easy exaltation and a glamorous Gospel. Have mercy upon us. Open us to the way of humble, obedient service, that we may go to Golgotha and find there the power of resurrection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Responsive Words of Assurance

L. Hear this word of hope: Through Christ's death and resurrection we are changed. We have died with him to sin, and with him we are raised to newness of life, that we may walk in his way. To God be the glory.

P. Blessed be the Lord for ever and ever!

Announcements

Offering

Offertory "Sonata for Trumpet and Organ" Henry Purcell
Anthony Brown, trumpet
Dorothy Souder, viola

*Doxology (#515) and Offertory Prayer

The Passion Reading Mark 14:1-15:47

Anthem "Requiem" Giacomo Puccini

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 158 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

Benediction

(The congregation is requested to keep silence until outside the building while departing)

Postlude Chorale Prelude: "O Sacred Head" J. S. Bach

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 27, 1988
Mark 11:9

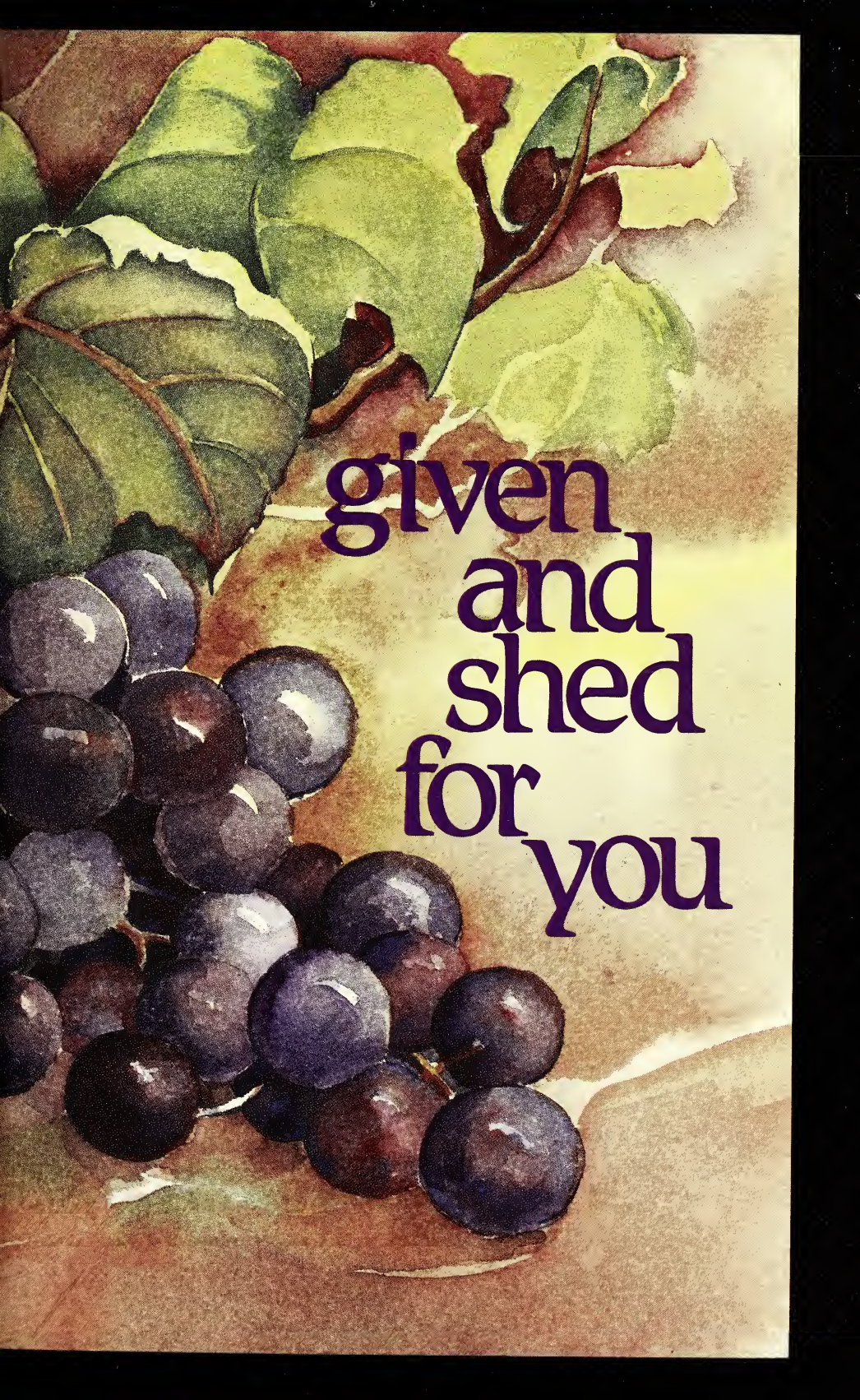
Palm Sunday is a day of acclamation. At long last the hopes and expectations of centuries are realized. God comes! "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." We were astonished at his coming as a child. Even now he is not recognized for what he is. There are no trumpets, no legions, no waving of flags: only an unseemly man astride a donkey, riding into the city of Jerusalem. A simple pilgrimage becomes a pageant; a man and his followers become a mob. Its symbolic meaning is not lost, though misunderstood, as the shouts proclaim the coming of the king. The fulfillment of the ancient prophecy is about to be realized. God the deliverer comes!

The danger and paradox of Palm Sunday is that we focus on the crowds and the shouts of joy, the waving of the tree branches, and do not see the one who is blessed and blesses. It is God in Christ who seeks entrance into our lives. He comes not in the cacophonous sounds of a parade, but in simple ways, and with a constant unobtrusiveness, wanting to be recognized and accepted as Redeemer and Savior.

Midway between the Incarnation and Pentecost are Palm Sunday and Easter--the insistent intrusion of a God who comes and keeps on coming in spite of our sin and savagery. God comes in the form of the Son, and in all the tender meanings of a parent-child relationship. God comes to offer life that has no boundaries in a world that is as wide as eternity.

Jesus comes to show us the magnificence of a God who loves without measuring the cost. Jesus comes to show us ourselves, crowd followers and king seekers, who need redemption and forgiveness. Jesus comes again in this Passion season that we might be blessed by the grace and mercy of God. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Joseph H. Evans
Secretary of the United
Church of Christ, 1967-83
President, 1976-77



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MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

7:00 p.m., March 31, 198

A WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOWS

I. HE PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE ME

Prelude "O Man, Thy Greivous Sin Bemoan"

J. S. Bac

Welcome

*Hymn 164 "O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile"

Introduction: The Passover Meal

Scripture Reading: John 6:48-58

Lighting of the Candles of the Congregation

(Deacons, taking the part of the disciples,
take their places at the Passover table.)

II. FOOTSTEPS THROUGH THE VALLEY

STEP ONE: BETRAYED

(The first candle on the cross is lit)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16

(Judas leaves.)

Responsive Reading (Psalm 2:1-7)

L. Why do the nations plan rebellion? Why do people
make their useless plots?

P. Their kings revolt, their rulers plot together
against the Lord and against the king he chose.
"Let us free ourselves from their rule," they say;
"let us throw off their control."

L. From his throne in heaven the Lord laughs and mocks
their feeble plan.

P. Then he warns them in anger and terrifies them with his fury. "On Zion, my sacred hill," he says, "I have installed my king." "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask, and I will give you all the nations; the whole earth will be yours."

Hymn 163, stanzas 1 and 2 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Herzleibster Jesu

(The second cross candle is lit.)

STEP TWO: TEMPTED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36-39, 42, 44

Anthem: "O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy"

from Stabat Mater

Giovanni Pergolesi

(After the anthem the center nave lights are put out.
Then the third cross candle is lit.)

STEP THREE: ABANDONED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:40-41, 43, 45-46

(After these verses, Peter, James, and John leave)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:47-56

(The remaining disciples leave)

Prayer of the Abandoners

(Three additional stanzas of Herzleibster Jesu
printed below are to be sung by all. Brief prayers
by a worship leader will intervene between stanzas.)

Yes, unrequited, Lord, I would not leave thee,
I will renounce what'er doth vex or grieve thee,
And quench with thought of thee and prayers most lowly
All fires unholy.

(Prayer)

But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds, oh, let thy Spirit win me
And reign within me!

(Prayer)

But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in thy great meekness
Nor shame my weakness. Amen.

(Side nave and transept lights are extinguished after this third stanza. The fourth cross candle is lit.)

STEP FOUR: DENIED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:31-35

We echo Peter's confidence: The UCC Statement of Faith
(Back inside cover of hymnal)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:69-75

(The chancel lights are put out.
The fifth cross candle is lit.)

STEP FIVE: BEATEN

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:27-31

Psalm 22 (read responsively by leaders)

(The altar lights are extinguished.
The sixth candle is lit.)

STEP SIX: RIDICULED

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:39-44

Hymn (Two more stanzas of Herzliebster Jesu are sung
by all, seated)

They crown thy head with thorns, they smite, they
scourge thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge thee;
They give thee gall to drink, they still decry thee;
They crucify thee.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

(The people extinguish their candles.
The seventh cross candle is lit.)

STEP SEVEN: CRUCIFIED

The Seven Words from the Cross,
alternating with verses from Isaiah 53.

(After each word from the cross, during the Isaiah reading, one of the cross candles is put out. At the end, the only candles left lit are the ones on the communion table.)

*Hymn 179 "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

III. THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(The ushers will escort people forward in groups of twelve. People are asked to bring their offering forward with them, and their candles. The offering plates will be on the ends of the table. Each worshipper will light her or his candle from a candle on the table before leaving. When all have returned to their seats, the hymn will begin. It will be sung by candle-light, and seated.)

Hymn 358 "Rock of Ages"

L. You shall drink the cup that I will drink.
P. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(The congregation departs in silence. Candles are extinguished when the narthex is reached and left there.)

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April 3, 1988

EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Alleluyas" Simon Pres

Introit "He Is Risen" Paul Ma

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Form

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God is acting in our midst
as we gather to celebrate the good news.

P. This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L. Death has no claim
on those who live in Christ Jesus.

P. We shall not die, but we shall live
and recount the deeds of God.

L. By God's grace Christ died for our sins
and appears among us now to claim our loyalty.

P. Open the gates of righteousness that we may enter.
God has answered us in Christ, our salvation.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, who plays no favorites: we confess that
our love is limited to those with whom we choose to
associate. Our faith is restricted to what we can prove.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson, and their sister, Mrs. Russell T. Bradford, by members of the Atkinson Family.

New "MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES" are available in the narthex.

Copies of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS are also available in the narthex.

Nursery today: Andrea Albertson
Nursery next Sunday: Sybil White

Children's Church today: Pam or Rick Kiser
Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 3 - 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:45 a.m. Church Council
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., April 4 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
 7:30 p.m. Circle 3

Tues., April 5 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:30 p.m. Circle 4 - Church Library

Wed., April 6 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir



ur service is reduced by our greater interest in the
appings of success. We have allowed religion to become
compartment in our lives, rather than a leaven that
influences and transforms the whole. O God, forgive our
faithfulness; and make today a time of new beginnings.
n Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ime for Reflection and Prayer

ssurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

nison Reading 133 From I Corinthians 15 p. 547

anthem "Exultation for Easter" Arnold B. Shermar

ayer

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ffertory "Hallelujah" from Messiah George F. Handel

oxology (#515)

ayer of Dedication

ymn 185 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ayer for Illumination

cripture Reading Mark 16:1-8

ermon "Trembling on the Brink"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 192 "The Day of Resurrection!"

enediction

enediction Response "Lift High the Cross"
Sidney H. Nicholson

ostlude "Te Deum" Jean Langlais

*The congregation may stand at these points.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 3, 1988

1 Corinthians 15:4

Today's good news cannot be stated more simply than this: "No cross, no crown." Holy Week culminates in the glory of this resurrection morning, and Easter celebration is inseparable from the events immediately preceding it. Those days constitute an unbroken sequence, no part of which may be isolated from the others.

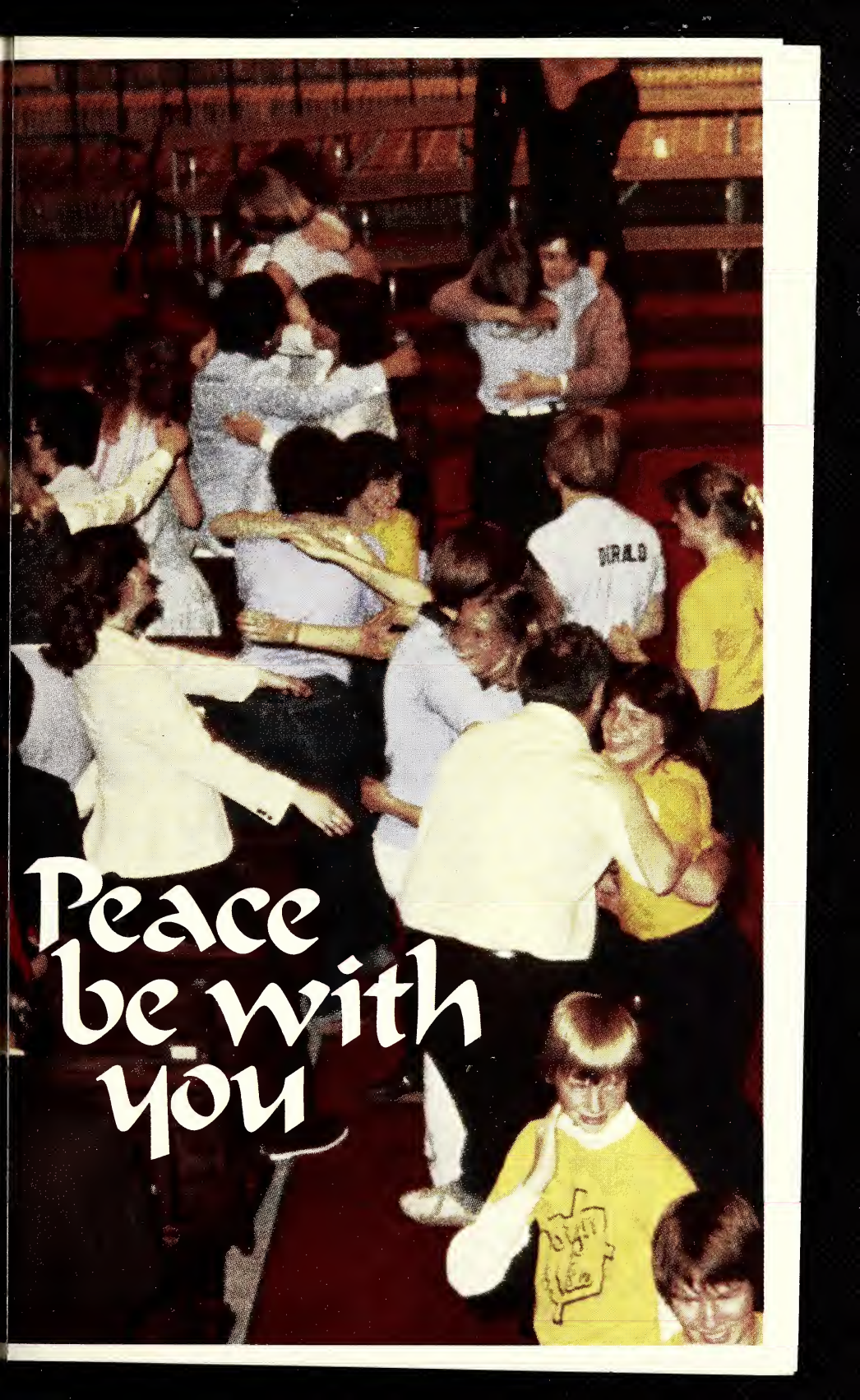
The temptation is to disassociate them: to obscure or minimize that it was *from the dead* that God raised Jesus. To emphasize only the victory of the empty tomb violates both the received tradition and actual human experience. There are no gains in life without prior or accompanying losses.

The Good News is that through our losses, God works graciously to make us *whole*. Reluctant to acknowledge that gain and loss are inseparable, it is hard for us to recognize the *goodness* of Good Friday. "No cross, no crown."

This is the radically good news of the Christian gospel: facing the reality of life's inevitable losses, we are a people grounded in the reality of Christ's death *and* resurrection. It was not by chance that the cross became Christianity's symbol. By it we are repeatedly drawn to the mystery of human suffering and to God's gracious response to the scandal of Jesus' death. Every Sunday is a little Easter!

This is our Good News: death is not the last word. God has uttered yet another; and to our great joy, that word speaks directly through death itself: "Christ is risen!" Amen and amen!

David J. Maitland
Carleton College
Northfield, MN



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April 10, 1988 FIRST SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Song of Peace" Jean Langla

Introit "Rejoice, the Lord Is Risen" Walter Wats

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fom
Chartering of Scout Troop

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ,
who remains with us for ever.

P. When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy,
and peace grow.

L. We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these
fruits together with all God's people.

ALL: With the faithful of every race, tribe, people,
and nation we sing:

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might
be to God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 188 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in
Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God
When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our
routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God
When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your
future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore

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Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Sybil White
Nursery next Sunday:

Children's Church today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins
Children's Church next Sunday: Louis Wilkins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 10 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Student Supper
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

Mon., April 11 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

Tues., April 12 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., April 13 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday and Saturday
April 15 - 16

IDEAS CONFERENCE
Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds



us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading from Psalm 133 (TEV)

L. How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!

P. It is like the precious anointing oil running down from Aaron's head and beard, down to the collar of his robes.

L. It is like the dew on Mount Hermon, falling on the hills of Zion.

P. That is where the Lord has promised his blessing-- life that never ends.

Anthem "Forth He Came at Easter"

Old French Folk Tune
arr. David H. Williams

Prayers of the People

A Time with Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Christ Has Burst His Prison" J. S. Bach

Exology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 181 "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect

Scripture Reading: I John 1-2:2; John 20:19-31;
Acts 4:32-35

Sermon

"Easter People"

Rev. Beth Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 193

"Thine is the Glory"

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Processional"

William Mathias

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 10, 1988

John 20:19

"For fear of the Jews" ... the Romans, the Gauls,
"For fear of the Jews" ... the radical, the recluse,
"For fear of the Jews" ... the immigrant, the doubter,
We have hidden away and built walls of hate.

We have shaken our fists and rattled our swords.
We've tortured, bombed, incinerated, maimed
All because we're afraid.

"Peace be with you," Jesus says. Dare we receive his peace?

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds
First United Church of Christ
Hollywood, Florida

"THE GIFTS AND THE PROMISE OF GOD ARE IRREVOCABLE"

The concurrent celebrations of Easter and Passover this year remind us of the close relationship between Christianity and Judaism.

Unfortunately, for much of the past two millenia that relationship has been marred by anti-Semitism. But there are signs of a better future.

Meeting in Cleveland last summer, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ adopted a declaration on Judaism that marks a new day in inter-faith relations:

"We in the United Church of Christ acknowledge that the Christian Church has, throughout much of its history, denied God's continuing covenantal relationship with the Jewish people expressed in the faith of Judaism. This denial has often led to outright rejection of the Jewish people and to theologically and humanly intolerable violence.

"Faced with this history from which we as Christians cannot, and must not, disassociate ourselves, we ask for God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for divine grace that will enable us, more firmly than ever before, to turn from this path of rejection and persecution to affirm that Judaism has not been superseded by Christianity; that Christianity is not to be understood as the successor religion to Judaism; God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been abrogated. God has not rejected the Jewish people; God is faithful in keeping covenant."



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Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today

April 17, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "The Heavens Declare: Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello

Introit "This Is the Day" Douglass Walton

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Offering

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come, children of God, to sing a new song;
clap your hands and shout for joy.

P. Jesus is our good news,
our joy, and our salvation.

L. In steadfast love and faithfulness
God has done marvelous things.

P. God has raised Jesus from the dead;
Christ is alive and at work among us!

L. God hears our prayers
and answers when we call.

P. God makes us dwell in safety
and puts joy in our hearts.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, God of today, we come to you in
the name of Jesus who lived faithfully, confessing that
we have not been faithful to your purposes. We abide in sin.

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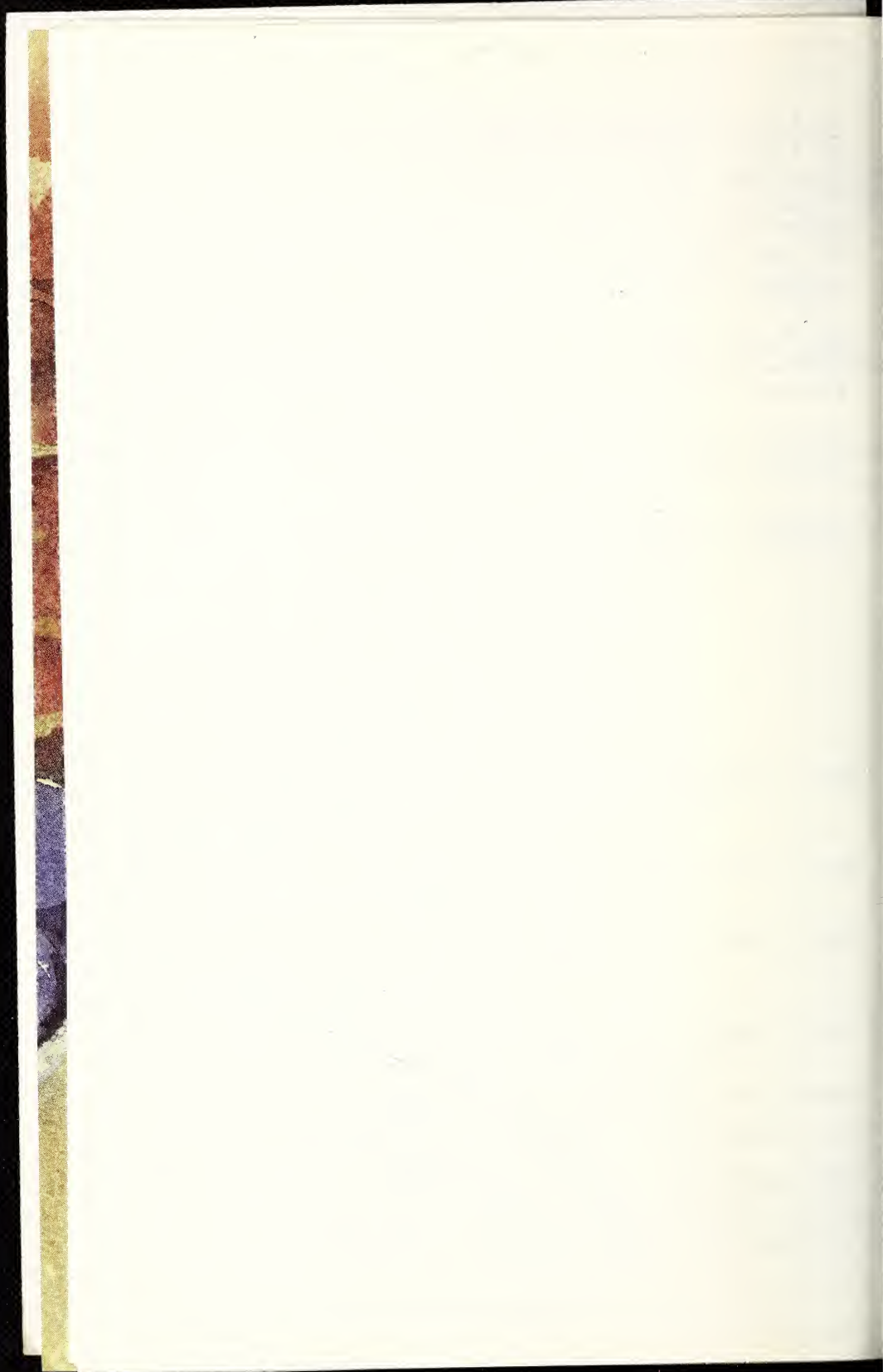
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Children's Church next Sunday:
Patricia or Robin Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 17 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Covered Dish Luncheon
Mon., April 18 -	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
	7:30 p.m.	Troop 51 Committee
Tues., April 19 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Board - Ebenezer UCC
Wed., April 20 -	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs., April 21 -	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Fri., April 22 -	7:00 p.m.	Planning Session
Sat., April 23 -	8:30 a.m.	Planning Session



disdaining the ways of the One who came to take our sin away. We confess that we do not really know Christ, or aspire to follow his path of loving service. Heal our brokenness, O God, and bring together the fragments of our scattered existence into a coherent whole, through Christ. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 65 Psalm 10 p. 516

Anthem "Go Not Far From Me, O God"
Nicola Antonio Zingarelli

Prayer

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit"
Dietrich Buxtehude

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 295 "Christ for the World We Sing"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Matthew 27:15-24, John 13:1-15

Sermon "Handwashing or Footwashing?" Dr. Dale Bishop

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"

Benediction

Benediction Response "O May the Peace of God"
Natalie Sleeth

Postlude "Toccata in A Minor" Jan Pieter Sweelinck

*The congregation may stand at these points.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 17, 1988

Luke 24:39

It would be so much easier to deal with a spirit.
Spirits come and go, and we can deny them.
Spirits come out of our past, and we can forget them.
But this Jesus is no wraith, no dream, no nightmare.
This Jesus has hands and feet, a past and a future.
This Jesus insists on flesh and blood living of God's love.
And so we are called to decision---
To believe, accept, act, and witness with *our* hands and feet.

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VIOLENCE

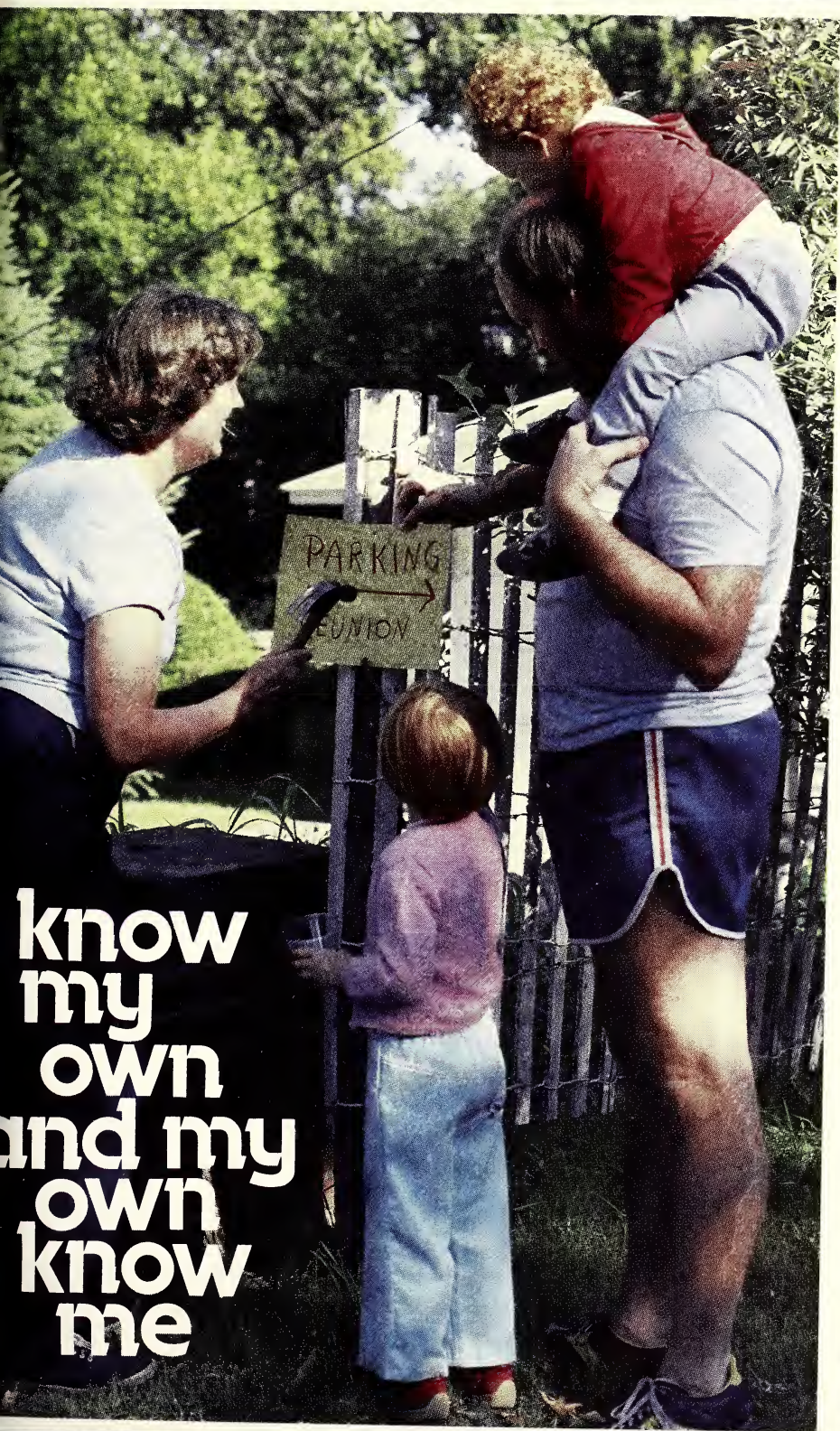
Violence is a part of all of our lives. It washes over us disguised as news on radio and television. It covers the pages of our newspapers. The more violent the occurrence, the more prominent the story. Or so it seems. We hardly notice anymore the violence that fills the TV screens in our homes. We pay good money to be scared by violence at the movie theatre. And the more violent the sport, the more passionate the fans.

Most of us can keep it all sorted out. Most of the time we know what is "pretend" and what is real. We hope our children do too, as they absorb a constant flow of violent impressions and images, merging fact and fantasy, and become complacent observers, numb to the horror they may watch.

Sometimes the violence in our homes is not confined to television, however. Families are torn apart, women and children suffer, and the tolerance we have acquired for violence is tested. For we discover that each of us carries our own demons--the capacity for violence--and we need to get well.

The church must be a source of healing for our violent world, beginning with ministry to those in our midst whose suffering we tolerate by looking the other way. We must help local churches and church leaders reach out to victims of domestic violence and cast out the spirits of indifference and ignorance that allow it to flourish.

Marilyn M. Breitling
Coordinating Center for Women
in Church and Society



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April 24, 1988

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" J. S. Ba
Nancy Thomas, guest organist

Introit "Create In Me a Clean Heart" Alice Jor

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come, children of God, to sing a new song;
clap your hands and shout for joy.

P. Jesus is our good news,
our joy, and our salvation.

L. In steadfast love and faithfulness
God has done marvelous things.

P. God has raised Jesus from the dead;
Christ is alive and at work among us!

L. The Rejected One has become faith's cornerstone;
there is salvation in no one else.

P. No other name is given among earth's people
than Jesus, by whom we are being saved.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we have listened to voices other than yours and
followed in paths of our own making. We have evaded your
commandments to do what pleases us. Our hearts condemn us

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First Quarter Financial Statements are available in the narthex.

Nursery today: Marie Wilkins
Nursery next Sunday: Kim Perry

Children's Church today: Patricia or Robin Woody
Children's Church next Sunday: Lou Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 24 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
 9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 6:30 p.m. Student Supper
 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian
 Education

Mon., April 25 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

Tues., April 26 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., April 27 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thurs., April 28 - District Men's Fellowship

Fri., April 29 - Youth Lock-In



but we lack the will and the strength to change our ways.
Have mercy on us and forgive us, we pray, that we may
devote ourselves to doing what pleases you, our God.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song" Hal H. Hopson

Prayer

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Confertory "Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving"
Johannes Brahms

Exology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 327 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Unison Reading 69, Psalm 23, p. 518
John 10:11-18

Homily "The 23rd Psalm This Side of Easter"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 80 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Benediction

Benediction Response "O May the Peace of God"

Natalie Sleeth

Stlude "Prelude in E Minor"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 1988

John 10:14

The world knows our name, our pedigree,
Our Social Security number, our insurance coverage.
The world knows our driving record, our education,
Our credit rating, our job performance.

Jesus knows our hearts, our deepest yearnings,
Our fears, our hopes, our pain.
Jesus knows our need for him and draws us to him.
We are known for all time--and loved.

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds
First United Church of Christ
Hollywood, Florida

UCC COLLEGE HERITAGE DAY

It is a pleasure to bring you greetings from the thirty colleges, fifteen seminaries, and two preparatory schools which make up the Council for Higher Education of the United Church of Christ.

These forty-seven institutions range geographically from Maine to Hawaii, northern Wisconsin to New Orleans. They include six historically black colleges, two women's colleges, one institution with a significant Native American population, and two colleges with substantial numbers of Asian Americans.

Although each has distinctive aspects, all of these institutions affirm the goals of social justice and the elimination of discrimination based on race, gender, economic status, handicap, and other forms of unjust bias.

All thirty colleges address the challenge of educating students who are the first in their families to attend college. In turn, the seminaries are serving persons who in mid-life are answering the call for pastoral service.

Our denomination has a long tradition of church-related higher education and expresses the enduring convictions that faith and learning are profoundly linked and that education is essential for both church and society.

Dr. Donald A. Morris, Chairperson
Council for Higher Education
United Church of Christ
President, Olivet College

I am
the vine
you are the
branches



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Elon College, North Carolina

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Scott Dollar and Travis Loy, Acolytes today

May 1, 1988

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Concerto for Organ in F Major "Allegro"
George Frederick Handel

Introit "Lord Have Mercy" Larry Kir

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation (in Unison)

We come to you, Loving God, needing the love you alone can give. Your love comes to us in Jesus, bringing abundant life for all who will receive it. Empower us by your love to love one another; abide in us to perfect your gift within and among us. We ask this through Christ, who taught us to pray together,...

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 38 "Morning Has Broken"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we are accustomed to having our own way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that we are independent, self-sustaining creatures. Yet, when our ingenuity solves one problem, a dozen more seem to take its place. We need help to understand, to be reconnected, to be truly productive. We need your love and forgiveness in order to live with ourselves, and with one another, Help us, God! Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh by Ruth and Phalti Lawrence.

First Quarter Financial Statements are available in the narthex.

Nursery today: Kim Perry

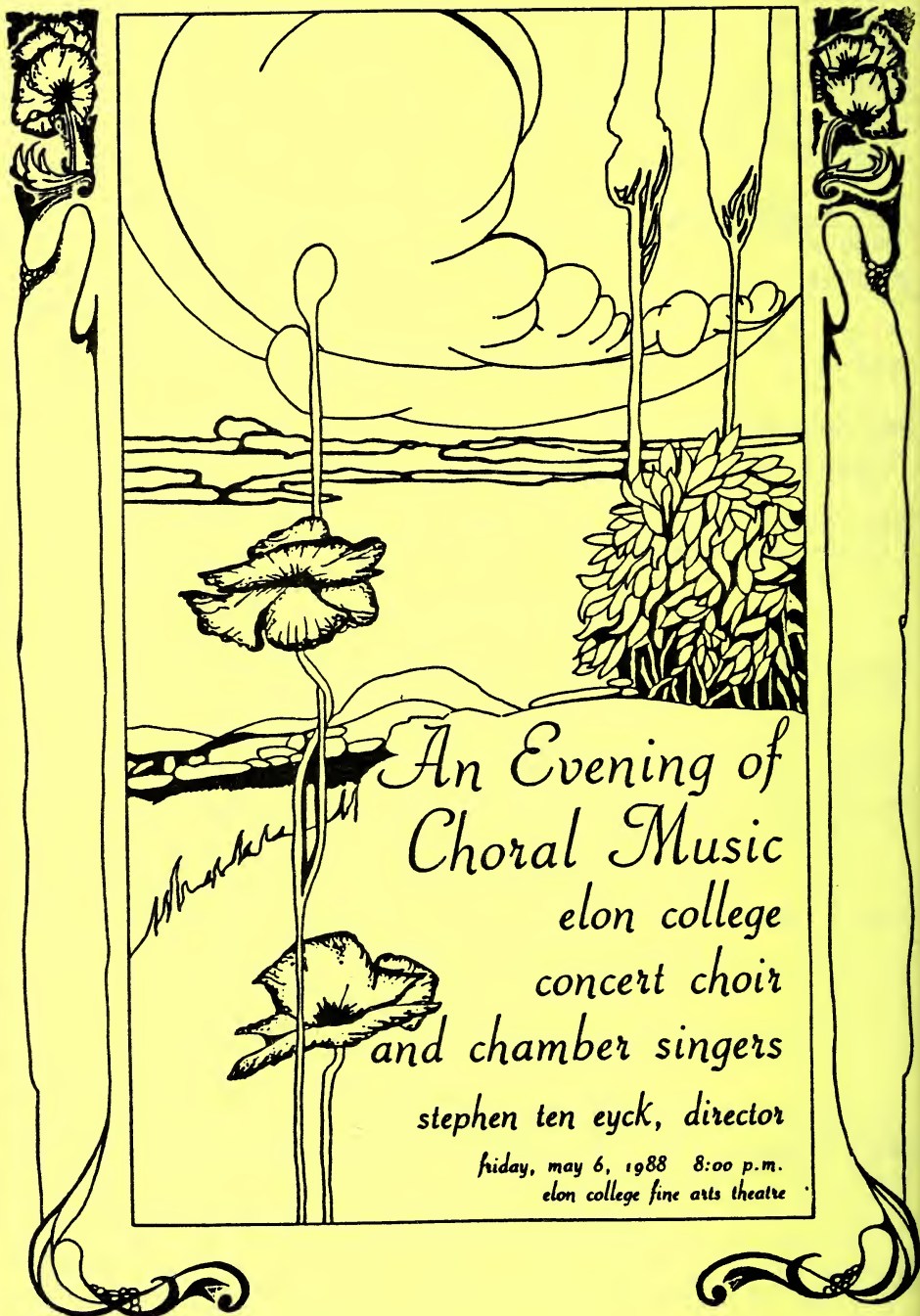
Nursery next Sunday: Mary Boyd

Children's Church today: Lou Harper

Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	May 1	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
			9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Mon.,	May 2	-	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
			7:00 p.m.	Ceramics Class
			7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Tues.,	May 3	-	9:30 a.m.	Elon College Senior
				Worship Service
			3:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for
				Mrs. Bessie Sloan
			3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4	
Wed.,	May 4	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Ministries
				Task Force
			6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	
Thurs.,	May 5	-	7:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
				Planning Group
Fri.,	May 6	-	12:00 noon	May Fellowship Luncheon
				Shiloh Presbyterian Church
Sat.,	May 7	-	10:00 a.m.	Youth Car Wash



*An Evening of
Choral Music*
elon college
concert choir
and chamber singers

stephen ten eyck, director

friday, may 6, 1988 8:00 p.m.
elon college fine arts theatre

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading #75

Psalm 36

p. 520

Antiphon

"Send Down Thy Truth, O God"
Baritone, Nathan Bearfield

Austin C. Lovelace

Prayer

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Confertory

"How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them" from Messiah
Soprano, Candace Rotolo G. F. Handel

Exology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 397

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Prayer

"Life's Need for Interpretation"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 242

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Go Forth In Joy!"

Alice Jordan

Conclusion

"Agincourt Hymn"

John Dunstable

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 1988

John 15:5

Detachment is our goal, it seems.

"I don't want to get involved."

We fear we'll come to harm, waste our time, lose our profit
If we care and share.

But our detachment yields dead ends--

Misshapen motives, grotesque goals, and fruitless folly.

We are created and connected--attached

To our God and to one another. We cannot live cut off.

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds
First United Church of Christ
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PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY

In 1985, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) declared and celebrated "a new ecumenical partnership" between the two denominations, and identified three primary marks of this new relationship:

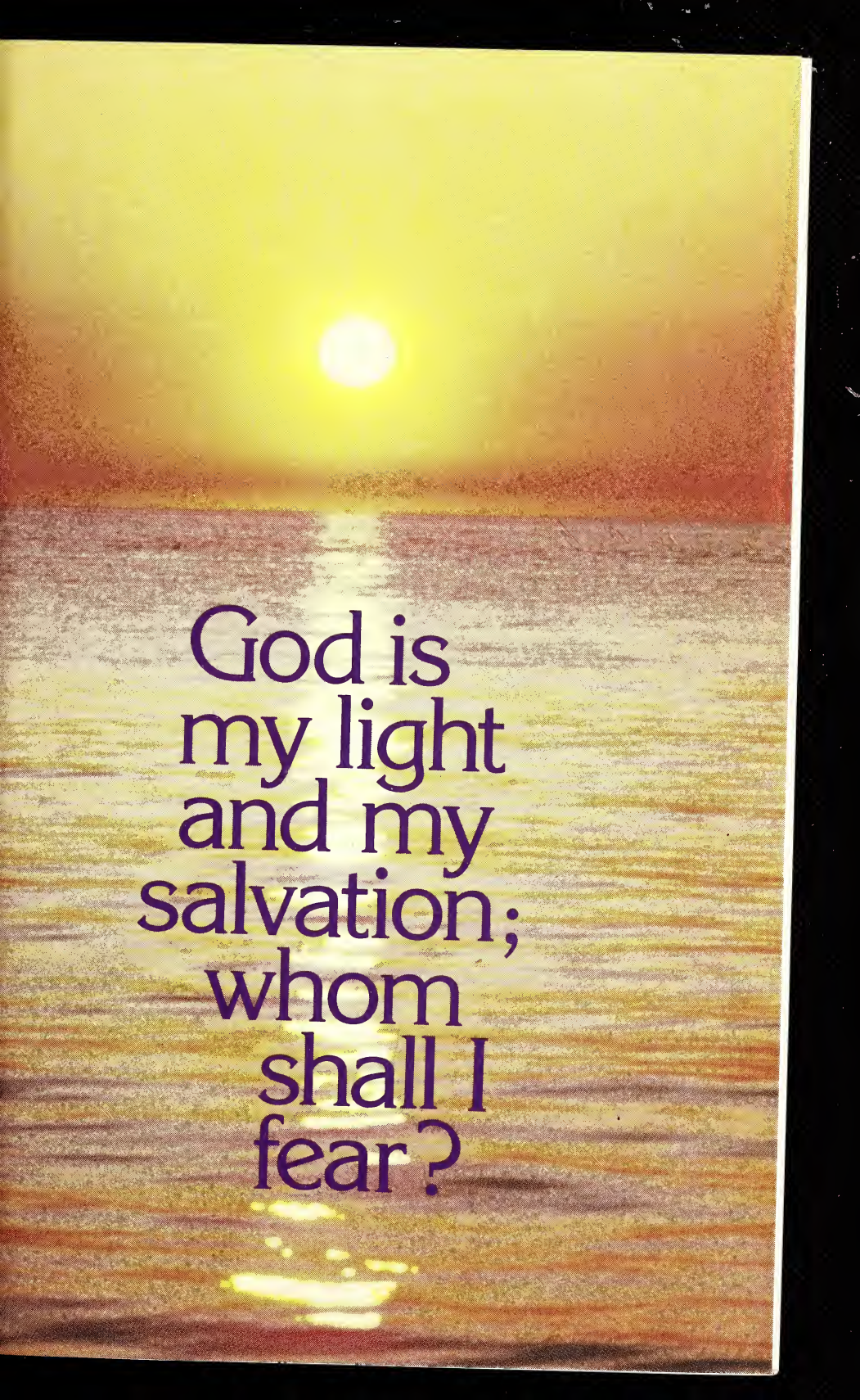
- * Commitment to respond together to the mission God has entrusted to the church.

- * Theological work to equip our churches as they grow toward full communion.

- * Common worship with frequent and intentional sharing in the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion.

Partnership Sunday marks a significant step in this new effort to "embody God's gift of oneness in Jesus Christ." Congregations across the land are joining together to celebrate our partnership, a relationship that is now being implemented at every level of church life. We pray that God will bless, enrich, and use us, as together we seek to be more faithfully and fully the people God calls us to become.

Rev. Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
Assistant to the President
United Church of Christ



God is
my light
and my
salvation;
whom
shall I
fear?

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BESSIE PICKETT SLOAN

February 3, 1906 - April 28, 1988

Elon College Community Church 3:00 Tuesday, May 3, 1988

Drs. William J. Andes and John M. Irvine, Jr., officiating

Dr. Stephen Ten Eyck, organist

Prelude "Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness" J. S. Bach

Opening Sentences

*Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Greeting

Unison Prayer

Holy God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts: grant that your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sighs too deep for human words. Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, assure us again that ear has not heard, nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned, what you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

Scripture Readings Psalm 90:1-4, 12-17; Isaiah 61:1-3;
II Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-5:1; Matthew 5:3-10

Memorial

Dr. Andes

Words of Remembrance

(Anyone wishing to is invited to share briefly, from her or his place in the congregation, a particular memory of Bessie that is especially meaningful.)

Affirmation of Faith

L. Let us say again what we believe.

All: We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
and we know that in everything
God works for good with those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are sure that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn 80 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Supplication

L. Let us pray for ourselves.

P. O God, whose days are without end
and whose mercies cannot be counted,
awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty
of human life.
By your Holy Spirit,
lead us in faithfulness all our days.
When we have served you in our generation,
may we be gathered with those who have gone before,
having the testimony of a good conscience,
in the communion of your holy church,
in the confidence of a certain faith,
in the comfort of a saving hope,
in favor with you, our God,
and at perfect peace with all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Solo "The Lord's Prayer" Ray Covington

Choir "Children of Zambia" written by Bessie Sloan

Commendation

The Song of Simeon

All: Holy One,
now let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled;
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight
of every people;
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Hymn 306 "For All the Saints"

Benediction

Postlude "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee" Johannes Brahms

Somewhere I've heard, or maybe I have read it:
"I love you as I did, -- at such a time and place--
When we began to love so long ago!"
I marvel, for with me it is not so.
I love you as the day is to the morn,
The full-blown summer to the early spring,
The harvest to the tiny seedling corn.
I love you with a knowledge of your strength,
The years of loving always at your side,
The steep, hard heights we conquered step by step,
The depths through which we struggled, cringed and cried,
The shivery dawns, the warm firelight,
The glowing stars of all the nights.
My love for you is like a brimming cup that grew
With each new problem solved, each opening door
To new adventures, friendships,
Challenges to be, to grow, to do,
The cup that brimmed for us so long ago
Is deeper for each hour I spend with you.

--Bessie Sloan

ABIDE IN MY LOVE



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May 8, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "For the Meek Shall Inherit the Earth" Herbert Howells
Introit "All My Hope on Thee is Founded" Herbert Howells
Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Folders
Responsive Call to Worship
L. Jesus commanded: Love one another.
P. We come to worship the God who is love
that we may learn to love one another.
L. Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants;
now I call you my friends.
P. We come to worship the God
whose friends we are through Christ.
L. Let us sing praise to God and live in love and
friendship toward the human family; through
Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we
come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you
in multiple ways. We have disobeyed your law. Our deed
and words and thoughts have been bent to selfish ends.
We have not loved our neighbors as we should. Forgive us
O God, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Nursery today: Mary Boyd
Nursery next Sunday: Phyllis Young

Children's Church today: Beth Lyon
Children's Church next Sunday: Sue or Jim Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sun., May 8 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
 9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 noon Youth Pizza and Planning
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 6:30 p.m. Student Supper
 6:30 p.m. Church Council
 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- Mon., May 9 - 6:00 p.m. Ministerium Picnic
 Carolina UCC
 7:00 p.m. Ceramics Class
- Tues., May 10 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- Wed., May 11 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- Sun., May 15 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 62

Psalm 1

p. 515

Anthem "Go Ye Into All the World"

Robert Wetzler

Prayer

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Pastorale in F Major"

J. S. Bach

Doxology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 391

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

I John 5:1-6

Sermon

"When Commandments Aren't Burdensome"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 404

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Day By Day, Dear Lord"

Harold W. Friedell

Postlude

"Canzona"

Andreas Gabrieli

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 1988

John 18:9

Spiritual transients are we who, tired of doctrine and creed,
Search for meaning in the far corners of other people's minds.
We are easily won by some new mental trip or trance,
And boast of our freedom or our passion for truth.
All the while God holds us in Her great Mother-love,
In His great Father-care.
God keeps awaiting our return
To life lived sacrificially in the Spirit of Jesus.

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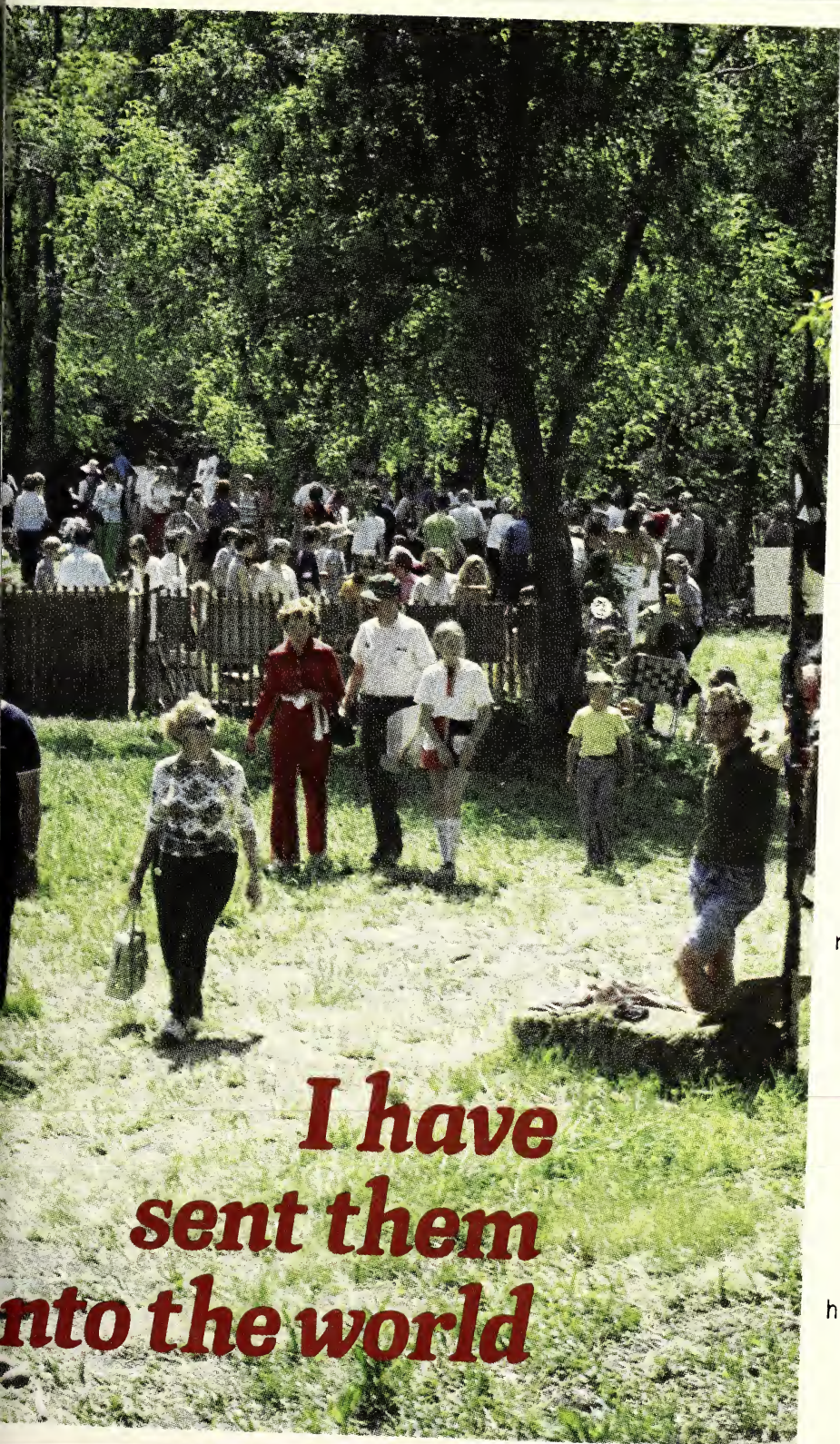
OLDER ADULTS

When we read the scriptures, we face the fact that older adults have played important roles in some of the most significant changes wrought in this world by God. Look at Abraham and Sarah. God started a nation of Israelites through them when they were in their nineties (Gen. 18). Or consider Moses and Aaron: both of these, too, were nonagenarians when God called them to lead the Israelites out of captivity in Egypt - and to do it for forty years! (Ex. 7:7).

Though they were aged, Elizabeth and Zechariah were chosen to give birth to and nurture the one who would prepare the way for the coming Messiah (Luke 1:18). And who first recognized the infant Jesus as Messiah when he was brought to the Temple? None other than old Simeon (Luke 2:25-32). When the elderly prophet Anna saw the infant Jesus, she gave thanks to God and immediately began spreading the good news (Luke 2).

These older adults acted in new and startling ways when they were confronted by God in the later years of life. God continues to call older adults today. Regardless of age or circumstances, God uses the special gifts of older adults to bring about the changes needed in this world.

Betty Partenheimer
Presbyterian Office on Aging
Presbyterian Church (USA)



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May 15, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Toccata in B Minor" Eugene Gi
Peggy Serridge, guest organist

Introit "Great Art Thou" Alice Jo

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Responsive Call to Worship

L. People of God, look about!

P. We see the faces of those we know and love--
neighbors and friends, kin, a community of
kindred hearts.

L. People of God, whom else do you see?

P. We see the faces of those we hardly know--
strangers, sojourners, potential friends,
all needing an outstretched hand, all
longing for inclusion.

L. People of God, look about and see all the images
of God assembled here. In me, in you, in each of
us, God's spirit shines for all to see.
Come, let us worship together.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us:
broken things within us that never seem to mend, empty
places within us that seem always to ache, things like
buds within us that never seem to flower. O God of love

we welcome to our pulpit today Dr. J. Richard Glatfelter,
Vice-President for Development and Seminary Relations for
Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us
today. We invite you to return and to make this your
home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship
forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to
please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after
I have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in
memory of Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds by the family.

Articles for the "Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Phyllis Young
Nursery next Sunday: Pam Kiser

Children's Church today: Sue or Jim Brown
Children's Church next Sunday: Janet or Mike Mayse

WEEKLY CALENDAR

n.,	May 15	-	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
			9:45 a.m.	Church School
			9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
			3:00 p.m.	Allied Churches of Alamance Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
			5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
			5:00 p.m.	Youth Roller Skating
n.,	May 16	-	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics Class
es.,	May 17	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
			7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
l.,	May 18	-	5:30 p.m.	Playground Work Party
			6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
			7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
rs.,	May 19	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
			7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Front Street Methodist Church
.,	May 21	-		Youth to Carowinds



and grace, help us to accept ourselves; lead us to do those good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things, we will give you the glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 67 Psalm 16 p. 517

Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Traditional Southern hymn tune
arr. Virgil Thomson

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "The Lord's Prayer" Flor Peeters

Doxology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings I Corinthians 12:4-12, 27-31a;
John 15:1-11

Sermon "The Seminary is a Family Affair"
Dr. J. Richard Glatfelter

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory" stanzas 1,2,3,5

Benediction

Benediction Response "Day by Day, Dear Lord"
Harold W. Friedell

Postlude "Fanfare" Kenneth Leighton

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 1987

JUNE 12, 16

Babes in the woods, sheep among wolves?
Sent into the world, are we at the mercy of chaos?
It seems so, with evil rising in a tide of violence and death.
We are vulnerable, but so is he---Jesus of Nazareth.
That is what makes it possible for us to go--
His openness, his trust, his power
Evident in love and sacrifice.
We are sent equipped with grace and truth.

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds
First United Church of Christ
Hollywood, Florida

THE GOOD NEWS

Whenever you read about the United Church of Christ in the newspaper, hear about it on the radio, or see it on television, that's the result of careful planning by the Office of Communication.

Every week our staff visit all of the national agencies looking for news. Documents are assembled and sources checked. If there are opposing voices to be heard, we include a reaction statement. The story draft is then checked for accuracy with the head of the agency involved, and released to the media.

Religion editors of daily newspapers get the complete story. Radio and TV get shorter versions. But our work doesn't stop with distribution. Follow-up calls to key media outlets often spell the difference between success and failure.

All of this work has a purpose--to let the world know that the United Church of Christ is alive and well and about the Lord's business. This is one form of evangelism. Many new members say they were first attracted to the UCC after learning of its programs in the media.

Thanks to your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we tell the story with integrity, helping to bring friends and strangers to an understanding of God's love for the world.

Beverly J. Chain
Office of Communication



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Scott Dollar, Acolyte today
Brian Rose and Rob Woody, Liturgists today

May 22, 1988

PENTECOST

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Pentecost Suite: Kyrie, Sanctus, Communion
Charles Tournemire

Introit "Creator Spirit, Come to Us" Joseph W. Jenkins

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Form

Responsive Call to Worship

L. O God, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

P. These look to you
to give them their food in due season.

L. When you open your hand,
they are filled with good things.

P. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

L. Let us sing to God as long as we live,
sing praises to our God while we have being.

P. May our meditation be pleasing to God,
in whom we rejoice.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have cut ourselves off from the power
of your presence, lest we be swept off our feet and forced

to see life from a new perspective. We have belittled those who speak with certainty of your transforming Spirit, and turned away from any truth larger than our own preconceptions. We are dry bones in a valley of dry bones. How shall we live? Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 98 from Psalm 104 p. 533

Anthem "O Day of Peace" text by Carl F. Daw, Jr.
music by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" Paul Manz

Hymnology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings and Addresses to the Confirmands

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Beth Lyon
John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Service of Confirmation for Scott Dollar, Brian Rose,
and Rob Woody

Invitation

Scripture Sentences

Questions of the Candidates:

Scott, Brian, Rob: do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?
I do.

Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?
I do.

Do you profess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
I do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

I promise, with the help of God,

Affirmation of Faith (in unison):

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from
aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified
and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

(The candidates kneel.)

Prayer of the Candidates (Pastors and Candidates):

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ,
I give myself to you as your own,
to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life.
Amen.

Prayers of the Congregation:

L. Let us pray in silence.

(A period of silent prayer follows.)

L. Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, who in baptism received these your
servants into the church, forgave their sins, and
promised them eternal life: increase in them the
gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others,
joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience
in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness
in evil times, faithfulness in temptation,
gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control
in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their
ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Confirmation (parents stand with confirmands,
who continue to kneel)

Prayer of Confirmation

(The confirmands stand)

Address

Question about Participation to the Candidates:

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission
of this family of God's People, sharing regularly in the
worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local
church as it serves this community and the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

Welcome

Let us, the members of Elon College Community Church
express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry
in Christ.

P. Scott, Brian, Rob: we promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

L. In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Elon College Community Church, we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

Prayer

Benediction

L. Go in the peace of Christ.

P. Thanks be to God.

(The Confirmands remove the cloth from over the element and then take their places in the chancel. They are served first by the pastors.)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy

*Hymn 381

"My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Alice Jorda

*Postlude "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him" J. S. Bac

*The congregation may stand at these points.

The Confirmation service today is reprinted from Book of Worship copyright 1986 by permission of the UCC Office of Church Life and Leadership.

The first and last hymns chosen for today's service are by Thomas Toke Lynch, a direct ancestor of confirmands Brian Rose and Rob Woody.

COMMUNION LITURGY B

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God; we thank you for commanding light out of darkness, for dividing the waters into sea and dry land, for creating the whole world and calling it good. We thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love; for the breath of life, the gift of speech, and freedom to choose your way. You have told us your purpose in commandments to Moses, and called for justice in the cry of the prophets. Through long generations, you have been fair and kind to all your children.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true.

With faithful people from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and majesty,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
O God, most high!

(over)

Holy Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by men he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share his cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection before all people.

Great God, give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

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(The elements are distributed.)

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Alleluia! for the Lord our God, the Almighty, has come into his kingdom! Let us rejoice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. A. L. Hook and in honor of Mrs. A. L. Hook, by Mary and Buster Butler.

There will be a brief meeting for prospective John's River Valley campers tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Nursery today: Pam Kiser

Nursery next Sunday: Vera Dixon

Children's Church today: Janet or Mike Mayse

Children's Church next Sunday: George or Carole Troxler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 22 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Confirmation Sunday
7:30 p.m. John's River Valley Campers
and Parents

Mon., May 23 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics Class
7:00 p.m. Burlington Area Youth of UCC
Seekers Classroom

Tues., May 24 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., May 25 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

EXT SUNDAY, May 29th 4:00 P.M. CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 22, 1988

Acts 2:2

O for the rush of a mighty wind
To wake us, to stir us, to shake us
Free of our preoccupations.
O for the rush of a mighty wind
To fill us, to teach us, to draw us
Into God's presence!
Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe yourself into us
That we may live.

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds
First United Church of Christ
Hollywood, Florida

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith." With those words, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews lifts up the importance of leadership in the early church.

Leadership is no less important in the church today.

To provide additional means for church leadership and church growth, the 16th General Synod of the United Church of Christ has established a new all-church offering, beginning in 1988. It is called Strengthen the Church: A Thank Offering for the United Church of Christ, and it is intended to be received in the spring after Easter. Some congregations will associate Strengthen the Church with Pentecost, the birthday of the church.

How do Christians strengthen the church?

First, by enabling and empowering members for leadership. Strengthen the Church establishes a Leadership Development Fund for this purpose.

Second, by starting new churches and renewing churches that have potential for expanded ministries. Strengthen the Church supports both national and conference evangelism programs.

Strengthen the Church is a new offering—but its roots lie deep in its predecessor, the Family Thank Offering. Strengthen the Church provides a new opportunity for church families and individuals to express their gratitude for God's gracious love with gifts to strengthen the church.

A close-up photograph of a man with a beard and a balding head, smiling warmly. He is holding a young child with curly hair, who is looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage.

When we cry,
"Abba! Father!"
it is the Spirit
bearing witness

we are children of God
heirs with Christ

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Elon College, North Carolina

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Katie Brown and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

Billy Beyer, Liturgist today

May 29, 1988

TRINITY SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm Prelude II

Herbert Howells

"Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the
night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light
to Thee are both alike."

Psalm 139:vs. 11

Introit "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Katholisches Gesangbuch

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God comes in the wind and thunder and flame,
changing the circumstances of our lives.

P. Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God's glory.

L. God reveals to us the things of earth and heaven,
pointing us to the realm of God.

P. We speak of what we know,
and bear witness to what we have seen.

L. God so loved the world that God gave
Jesus Christ to live among us and die for us.

P. When we cry out to God, the Spirit bears witness
that we are children of God and heirs with Christ.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 246

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

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The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

Articles for the Torch are due Tuesday morning.

Nursery today: Vera Dixon

Nursery next Sunday: Patsy Oliver

Children's Church today: George or Carole Troxler

Children's Church next Sunday: Ann or R. J. Acquilano

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 29	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC THE LODGE
Mon., May 30	-	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues., May 31	-	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., June 1	-	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir



Unison Prayer of Confession

"Woe is me! for I am lost; for I am a person of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Holy God, we have lived as people enslaved to the gods of this world, victims of our own misplaced passions. We have embraced the ways of death and turned from the challenge of rebirth. The paths we have chosen lead to dead ends, and the direction we have followed brings only confusion and despair. Help us, O God, for we cannot help ourselves. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Traditional English
The Children's Choir Melody
arr. by Martin Shaw

Prayer

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Cantory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" John Rutter
Hymnology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Homily "A Richer, Warmer View of God" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Benediction

Prayer Response "Day by Day" Harold W. Friedell

Psalm "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" Jan Bender

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 29, 1988

Romans 8:5

From a vision of a god remote and out of touch,
We have been brought to God, our Parent.
No longer removed creator, disinterested universal force.
Now God is known to us as Fond Nurturer, Diligent Friend.
In Jesus the Christ, our brother,
We have met Tireless Sustainer, Faithful Provider.
In him we are free to be the children of God.
Come, let us claim our inheritance!

Rev. Gail M. Reynolds
First United Church of Christ
Hollywood, Florida

MIDDLE-AGED

You're sitting there in the pew, and the worship service has begun. But you're lost in thought...pondering the experience you had a few moments ago in the vestibule. Unexpectedly you caught sight of a stranger in the mirror there...and only an instant later recognized him as yourself. In that fleeting interval you saw yourself as you really are: gray-haired now, and a little stoop-shouldered.

"I'm middle-aged!" you keep repeating to yourself. To make sure, you take inventory. "The kids will soon be on their own. My wife has gone back to work. I've reached a comfortable job plateau. The house is nearly paid for. The doctor says I'm in reasonably good health, and I've quit smoking and cut down on cocktails. Yes, I'm middle-aged."

You're sitting there in the pew...in the church that has been with you throughout these years of change. But now you have more time to serve than you used to. "It's time for me to do more for the church," you say to yourself. "I'll volunteer. That campsite work party next weekend. And the stewardship enlistment campaign next fall. I'll increase my annual pledge, too."

You feel better now because you know yourself better. Yes, you are a middle-aged man sitting there in the pew. And it's time to bow your head and pray.

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 5, 1988

4:00 P.M.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Elon College, North Carolina

"By making death and dying 'meaningful' and 'beautiful' we minimize our understanding that the new resurrection has already begun. Death is not beautiful. Biblical piety faces the horror of it, and against that background the resurrected life shines more clearly. If you live life in the shades of gray where death isn't bad, then life isn't great. Our faith lives with more radical contrast."

-Martin E. Marty

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

HYMN #348

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

MEMOIRS

John Irvine

PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 30, Matthew 5:4

MEDITATION "The Happy Mourner"

Norman Harris

HYMN #1

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

BENEDICTION

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Worship Leaders: Norman B. Harris
John M. Irvine, Jr.

Organist: Stephen Ten Eyck

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BUSINESS SESSION

Minutes of 1987 Meeting
Comments on Old Business
New Business
Election of Officers for 1988-89

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1988-89

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

E. S. Lankford
Howard Loy
Mrs. Reggie McLelland
Thomas L. Smith

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IN MEMORY OF

Iris Albright Holt	July 15, 1987
Allene Patton Rich	August 12, 1987
Elizabeth Moore Amick	August 26, 1987
Lula Harris Cox	September 17, 1987
James Bobbitt Powell	September 18, 1987
James Wilbert King	November 25, 1987
Dr. Thomas Edward Powell, Jr.	December 3, 1987
Rosa McWilliams	January 4, 1988
Anna Owens	April 8, 1988
Rebecca Smith Wild	January 5, 1988
(Buried in Magnolia Cemetery)	April 16, 1988
Rev. Thomas P. Inabinett	November 10, 1986
(Buried in Magnolia Cemetery)	May 11, 1988
Holly Faye Blue	May 25, 1988

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"There is a moment in every man's life when he has to make ready for a departure, and at last the moment comes for him to leave his earthly home, and to give an account of his labor. May every one of us then be able to say: I have not darkened immortal souls with suspicion or fear; I have been frank, loyal, and trustful, I have looked those who did not share my ideals in the eyes and treated them with brotherly affection, in order not to impede the carrying out of God's great purpose, in this good time--a purpose which must bring about the fulfillment of the divine teaching and command of Jesus, that we may all be one."

- Pope John XXIII

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 1987 - May 31, 1988

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance	\$2,843.23	
Dues Received	565.00	
Interest (Checking Acc't.)	95.40	
Allene Rich Estate	481.07	
	<u>\$3,984.70</u>	\$3,984.70

Disbursements:

Town of Elon College	\$ 300.00	
Programs for 1988	30.00	
Secretarial Service	24.00	
Postage	30.00	
P.O. Box Rent	5.00	
Nina Matlock (Computer Forms)	30.00	
Garbage Cans	39.96	
Danieley Nursery, Inc.		
(Magnolia Trees)	315.00	
Funds Transferred to Savings	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	<u>\$1,773.96</u>	<u>1,773.96</u>
		<u>\$2,210.74</u>

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance	\$11,535.93	
Interest Received	750.08	
Funds Transferred from Savings	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	<u>\$13,286.01</u>	<u>13,286.01</u>
		<u>\$15,496.75</u>

SO WE
DO NOT
LOSE
HEART



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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate in
Youth and Children's Ministries
Rob Woody and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today

June 5, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Fantasia in G Major" Johann Sebastian B
Introit "The Church of Christ Is One" Stanley T
Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For
Responsive Call to Worship

- [L. Bring to God your sacrifices of praise
and the consecration of your hearts.
P. Help comes from God's sanctuary;
God answers us in our day of trouble.
L. God causes us to rise and stand upright
and fills our lives with new purpose.
P. Light shines in our darkness,
and we know God's glory in the face of Christ.
L. Look beyond these earthen vessels that we are
to know the transcendent power of God.
P. May the Spirit come mightily among us
to heal and grant new life.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

S The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Help us, O God, to see ourselves as you see us. We
admit before you our prejudices, our harsh judgment of
others, and the excuses we make for our own sin. We
prefer our own arrangements to your designs for human

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Copies of the June Issue of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS are available in the narthex.

Nursery today: Patsy Oliver

Nursery next Sunday: Heidi Danieleley

Children's Church today: Ann or R. J. Acquilano

Children's Church next Sunday: Julie of Jeff
MacKenzie

We receive the following people today,

By letter of transfer:

Beth Lyon from Pilgrim UCC, Durham, N.C.

Frank and Deborah Danley. Frank by letter of transfer from the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, N.J., Debbie by reaffirmation of faith.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sun., June 5 - 9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Youth
4:00 p.m. Magnolia Memorial Service
4:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL
8:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- Mon., June 6 - 6:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Friendship Banquet
- Wed., June 8 - 7:30 p.m. Scout Troop 51 Committee
- Thurs. - Sat., June 9-11 Southern Conference Meeting
Catawba College



CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

- Leader: We welcome into the membership of our church today the following person(s)
by
Friends, we greet you in Christ's name and Spirit. You come not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We welcome you to the worship and work of Elon College Community Church. We invite you to become a part of Christ's mission among us and through us.
- People: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.
- Leader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?
- New Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.
- Prayer: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Leader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



Fulfillment. We harden our hearts against those who most need a helping hand and understanding presence. O God, enlarge our capacity for truth and compassion. Save us from our worst selves to realize the best you intend for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Beautiful Saviour" Old Crusaders' Hymn
Arranged by Wallingford Riegger

Prayer

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" Paul Manz

Exology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Reception of New Members

See Insert

Hymn 272

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Joshua 4:19-5:1, 13-15;
Ephesians 2:11-18

Homily

"Does God Take Sides?"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 414

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Benediction

Prayer Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth

Postlude "Psalm 20"

Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 5, 1988

2 Corinthians 4:16

Paul's affirmation, "So we do not lose heart," comes on the heels of a catalogue of catastrophes: "afflicted," "perplexed," "persecuted," "struck down." But in Christ there is no losing of heart. The new life in Christ can be in us, too. Ordinary daily life becomes like a tent to be folded and put away...so we may partake of another life "not made with hands." It is called eternal life.

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

SUMMER MISSION CONFERENCES

Once again this summer, United Church of Christ members will attend ecumenical mission conferences at inviting places from Silver Bay, New York, to Asilomar, California.

In keynote addresses and small-group seminars, they will gain insights, as well as understanding, while discussing the timely 1988-1989 interdenominational mission study themes: "South Africa" and "Faces of Poverty in Our Midst."

Selection of these themes, and development of the written and audiovisual resources to support them, began several years ago in the Program Committee on Education for Mission of the National Council of Churches. Representatives of church bodies in the United States and Canada, including staff from the United Church Board for World Ministries and the Stewardship Council, oversaw the writing, editing, and production of the curriculum materials that will be used this summer and through the upcoming church year. This is an ongoing ecumenical process.

A total of ten summer mission conferences will focus on the interdenominational mission study themes this year. Dates and locations, as well as descriptions of the study materials, may be found in the Friendship Press announcement included in KeyPak.

We support these ecumenical study programs through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST
CONTROLS US



Anthem "Just As I Am" Robert J. Pow

Prayer

A Time With Children Macon Albert

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering Brian Har

Offertory "Matins" (Morning Prayer) Healey Wil

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication Brian Har

*Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during t
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 4:26-34

Sermon "How Does God's Kingdom Grow?" John Irv

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Just As I Am" William B. Bradb
arr. by S. G. Ten E

*Postlude Improvisations on "Hyfrodol" Robert Hib

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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Nursery today: Reggie McLelland
Nursery next Sunday: Heidi Danieleley

Children's Church today: Julie or Jeff MacKenzie
Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 12 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

Mon., June 13 - 7:00 p.m. Stewardship and
 Mission Committee

Tues., June 14 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club

Thurs., June 16 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 12, 1988

2 Corinthians 5:14

Remember picking up the wrong set of glasses? Everything was skewed! Faith in Christ brings a new set of lenses which remove blur, sharpen priorities and prevent living "from a human point of view." Being controlled by the love of Christ is to see life, family, job, future and neighbor from the perspective of eternity. Colors are clear, proportions balanced, possibilities unlimited. That is why Paul could begin this passage, "So we are always of good courage."

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

THE ROAD TO PAVED ROADS

A North American public health worker arrived in a Third World village and asked how she could help. The answer was unexpected. The villagers did not want public health, they wanted a paved road so that they could take their produce to market and sell it.

Once she recovered from her surprise, the public health worker discovered why the villagers were preoccupied with a paved road. They could not earn income without it. Yet, without their incomes to tax, the government would have no money to build the road. It was a vicious circle.

A paved road is necessary for village development. It permits goods to move freely all year around and enables industries to locate near the raw materials they need. But developing countries cannot afford roads.

Africa is over 150 times as large as Missouri and has more than 100 times the population. Yet Missouri has more miles of paved roads than all of Africa!

We can help break the vicious cycle of underdevelopment and poverty. Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission can help provide the loans, grants, and technical assistance that are needed in the Third World.



**SO WE ARE
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FOR CHRIST**

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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Emily Woody and Amy Rose, Acolytes today

June 19, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Silent Procession" Charles A. Ch

Introit "Now the Silence" Carl F. Sc

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Behold, now is the acceptable time;
 behold, now is the day of salvation.

P. Great is God and greatly to be praised;
 all the ends of the earth know God's love

L. We have heard and seen God's steadfast love
 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us.

P. Through Christ we are reconciled to God,
 who does not count our trespasses against us.

L. Come, then, rejoicing and praising God
 in awe and wonder and faith.

P. The storms of life cannot destroy
 our Savior's "Peace, be still."

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 210 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

How great you are, O God! Before your majesty we are
astonished. We tremble when we consider the ways we have
failed you, and panic when we take account of the judgment
you might pronounce against us. Hear us as, in silence,
we confess the sins that separate us from you and from
one another....

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There will be a PLAYGROUND WORK EVENING next Thursday, June 23rd beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Nursery today: Heidi Danieley
Nursery next Sunday: Sue Brown

Children's Church today: Sheree Smith
Children's Church next Sunday: Pam or Rick Kiser

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 19	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 p.m.	Youth
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Mission
Thurs., June 23	-	5:30 p.m.	Playground Work Evening

Our Church budget has two aspects which differ from customary budgeting procedure. First, we have certain programs that we want to support but don't have revenues adequate to fund them. We try to provide for these through Challenge Gifts. Second, members of our congregation have particular Church activities that are important to them and, as a consequence, they make contributions to the Church that are aimed at those purposes. I refer to these as Flow-through Gifts and put them in the budget because I think this gives us a more complete picture of our financial activities. The amounts reflected in the budget in this category are a direct reflection of the amounts given in the prior year and, hopefully, are a good indicator of what will be done this year.

From time to time I would like to give you a status report on these budget items and ask that you consider special contributions aimed at those that are of special interest to you.

John Ketcham, Treasurer

	<u>1988 Budget</u>	<u>Given to Date</u>
<u>Challenge Gifts</u>		
Elon College Pride II Fund	\$1,000.00	\$ 310.00
Choir Supplies	400.00	-0-
Display Board	300.00	-0-
Guest Musicians	225.00	-0-
Adult Education	100.00	-0-
Youth Program & Travel	200.00	115.00
Cub Scout Program	200.00	-0-
Girl Scout Program	50.00	-0-
Fellowship Supplies	100.00	-0-
<u>Flow-through Gifts</u>		
Endowment Fund	\$4,600.00	-0-
Cornerstone Campaign	5,300.00	1,547.50
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,600.00	1,283.00
Neighbors in Need	700.00	-0-
Veterans of the Cross	451.00	-0-
Good Samaritan Fund	880.00	1,003.06
Elon Home for Children	677.00	-0-
Women's Fellowship -OCWM	200.00	485.00
Youth Library	221.00	-0-
Fellowship Paper Supplies	16.00	-0-
Boy Scout Program	500.00	902.00

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

them "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" Melchior Vulpius
Setting by Ludwig Lenel

Prayer

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Cantory

"Air" from Concerto X

George F. Handel

ology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

nn 341

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:35-41

mon

"Quieting Down"

John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

n 77

"Be Still, My Soul, the Lord is on Thy Side"

Responsive Commission and Blessing

On this day of our salvation

we go forth to praise God everywhere.

We have heard and seen God's steadfast love

in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us.

Christ goes with us as Guide and Protector,

calming the winds and granting us peace.

In stillness or in storm we will not panic,

for Jesus Christ calms our fears.

God entrusts to us the message of reconciliation,

appealing to the world through us.

We are ambassadors for Christ,

in whom God's grace is shared with humanity.

Amen.

Amen.

al Response "As You Have Promised, Lord"

Ron Nelson

clude

"Rigadoon"

George F. Handel

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 10, 1988

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

In Stalin's hometown, across the square from the monastery where he studied and just a few miles from Iran, we met Soviet citizens. In spite of the accusations our countries often exchange like missiles, we became friends. We met in the name of the Christ's church, not as citizens of rival empires. We were persons longing to express mutual regard, respect, and hope for our grandchildren's future. We became ambassadors of the One who wills we all be one.

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

A MILLENNIUM

1988 marks a Millennium.

One thousand years ago the Russian Orthodox Church was founded with the conversion of Prince Vladimir of Kiev.

Since then, through ten centuries of turbulent history, the Russian Orthodox Church has persevered. Today it has approximately fifty million followers in the Soviet Union.

After decades of isolation both within the Soviet Union and from the outside world, today the Russian Orthodox Church belongs to the World Council of Churches and its representatives participate in ecumenical dialogue and programs. (The Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. belong to the National Council of Churches.)

To help celebrate the Russian Orthodox Church's millennium, the National Council of Churches has organized church-to-church visits to the Soviet Union involving as many as fifteen hundred North American Christians. They will meet with our Baptist brothers and sisters in the USSR as well.

The Millennium of the Russian Orthodox Church provides an unparalleled opportunity for interdenominational encounters. The United Church of Christ, which celebrates its thirty-first anniversary this week, supports these contacts and salutes congregations that are helping members to participate.

that there may be equality ☺☺



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Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today
Robin Woody, Liturgist today

June 26, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Berceuse and Madrigal" Lois Vi
Introit "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Alice Jo
Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo
Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Lift up your heads, O people of God,
to meet the Glorious Ruler of all worlds.
P. The earth is God's and the fullness thereof,
the world and all who dwell therein.
L. Who shall ascent to the hill of God,
and who shall stand in God's holy place?
P. Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who are not false or deceitful.
L. Make merry before God with all your being:
praise God with instruments and singing.
P. We celebrate the abundance of God's blessing
and respond to God with all we have to give.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 38 "Morning Has Broken"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God: you love us, but we have not loved you
you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from o
neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We ha

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Nursery today: Sue Brown

Nursery next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

Children's Church today: Pam or Rick Kiser

Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 26 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Youth

Tues., June 28 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting



COMMUNION LITURGY D

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right that we should.

It is our duty and delight, Creator God, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts, the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

We thank you that we do not celebrate this supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present, and to come. With them and with all creation we praise you and say:

*Holy, holy, holy,
Mighty Lord God,
Everything makes your greatness known:
We acknowledge it too.*

(The elements are distributed.)

(Over)

Communion Liturgy D, continued

Unison Prayer after Communing:

*Eternal and Gracious God,
we praise and worship and adore you
for the food we have received at this table.
You have sent your Holy Spirit among us
to make our eating and drinking here
a memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May your Spirit help us today and tomorrow
to make our living and our working,
our loving and doing and thinking,
a memorial of Jesus;
so that in the end,
with the great company of the redeemed,
we may eat and drink and be glad with him
in the glory of the eternal kingdom.*

To him, with you our Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, may all that lives and breathes--the world
and all creation--give glory, worship, and praise,
now and forever. Amen!

gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed.
O God, help us face up to ourselves, so that, as you move
toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and
receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "My Song is Love Unknown" (Rhosymedre)
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 80 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 8:1-15

Sermon "Stewards of Equality" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy D

Hymn 494 "We Would Be Building"

Benediction

Choral Response "As You Have Promised, Lord" Ron Nelson

Postlude "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 26, 1988

2 Corinthians 12:14

Congregations excel at different things. One has an abundance of the very things another lacks. Each is a unique combination of spiritual and material gifts. By urging Greek Christians to help hungry sisters and brothers in Jerusalem, Paul sheds interesting light on the nature of churches. They are equal in only one thing: Those who have more will help those with less. Congregations are to be equal in their willingness to help others in time of need.

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WOMEN IN MINISTRY

"Were Paul's teachings designed primarily for Corinthian women, for those females under the pastoral charge of Timothy?" asked a theological student at Oberlin College in 1848. "Or were they universal principles binding upon all nations in all ages?"

Using the Greek she learned as an undergraduate, Antoniette Brown challenged the traditional interpretation: "Let you women keep silence . . . for it is not permitted unto them to speak." She responded: "*Speak* as used here is translated from the Greek word *lalein* which means to chatter—to make the sound of monkeys. Is it not then that St. Paul is merely cautioning women to speak wisely, and not to babble?"

Although her views were not accepted by her male professors, her paper was published, and she was invited to speak on women in the Bible at a women's rights convention in Massachusetts. Soon she was lecturing throughout New England, exhorting women to a broader life outside the home and an equal responsibility with men in preaching a just and compassionate God.

In 1853 Antoniette Brown was ordained at the First Congregational Church in South Butler, New York, becoming the first woman to be ordained in the United States.

Dr. Barbara Withers
Youth Editor
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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I will all
the more
gladly boast of
my weaknesses,
at the power of Christ
may rest upon me

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Katie Brown and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

July 3, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Fantasy on the American Hymn Tune "Amazing Grace"
Robert Hel

Introit "This is the Day" Douglas Wa

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Call to Worship

Responsive Act of Praise

Response: "Thanks be to the God of all nations."

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

In spite of your vast blessings to us, God, we confess
that our freedom is often diminished by the chains of
greed, our bounty is often squandered and polluted,
opportunity is denied because of prejudice, and our drea
are forgotten in the everyday rush. You have offered us
joy, but we have chosen irresponsible fun and cheap thri
You have filled our hands with plenty, but we have refus
to share it with those who need it. Our sins we can num
before you, but sinfulness clings to us, and cannot be
dealt with in our own strength.

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Nursery today: Marie Wilkins
Nursery next Sunday: Kim Perry

Children's Church today: Marie of Jeff Wilkins
Children's Church next Sunday: Louis Wilkins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 3 9:45 a. m. Church School
 11:00 a. m. Worship Service
 12:00 noon Youth

Tues., July 5 10:30 a.m. Circle #1 meets at the
 home of Mrs. Mary Kimball

There will be a brief meeting of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES in the Adult Sunday School Classroom immediately after the service.

The Offertory:

"The Song of the Tree of Life"

Unto him that overcometh shall be given the tree of life
which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

On either side of the river groweth the tree of life,
the leaves of the tree are for thy healing.

In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water
of life clear as crystal.

Who so will, let him take of the water of life freely.

Who so drinketh of this water shall never thirst.

Take thou the leaves of the tree of life.

So shall thou enter in through the gates of the city.

O God of our mothers and fathers, forgive us. O God of the coming generations, grant us clearer vision, steadfast faith, and the courage to live in this nation as your people. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 90 Psalm 90 p. 529

Anthem "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"
Calvin Hampton

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering "The Song of the Tree of Life"
Tenor, Tim Hill Ralph Vaughan Williams

Doxology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 437 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 5:17-20

Sermon "Stewards of History" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 366, stanzas 1,3,5 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Benediction

Choral Response "Day by Day" Harold N. Friedell

Postlude Ressional on "Hyfrydol" Ralph Vaughan Williams

*The congregation may stand at these points.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 3, 1988

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Some Scripture for July 4! Tomorrow, we will not hear speeches celebrating weakness. Drums do not proclaim our lack. We don't know what "thorn" Paul wanted removed, but he would have done almost anything to be rid of it. It persisted, to remind him of what any of us would rather forget: our limitation, our inadequacy, our weakness. Without such "thorns" we might forget how very much is showered upon us, beyond our deserving, and how by confronting our limits we may discover God's Grace.

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BHM PARTNERS IN MISSION

At the 16th General Synod in Cleveland last summer, the American Missionary Association of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries recognized the following "partners in mission" with special awards.

First Congregational Church of McPherson, Kansas, in the field of churches and community mission. When financial problems threatened both the only family service center and the only day care program in town, this church welcomed them into their building.

Direct Action Research Training, Miami, Florida, in the field of citizen empowerment. Since its founding in 1978, DART has taught organizational skills to people working for positive change in their South Florida neighborhoods. As a result, crime has been reduced, older adults have gained housing rights, and police relations with minority groups have improved.

Developing Older Adult Resources, Phoenix, Arizona, in the field of services and witness. Working with the Church of the Beatitudes, DOAR has brought a variety of services, workshops, and training programs to the community.

Prairiefire, Des Moines, Iowa, in the field of domestic issue development. Since 1982, Prairiefire has organized farmers, brought suit to protect family farms, helped farmers understand their rights, strengthened the ministries of rural churches, worked for the passage of new laws, and brought farm issues into the national consciousness.

We support these and other partnerships through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

*They anointed with oil
many that were sick
and
healed them*



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July 10, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

*Introit Hymn 12 "From All That Dwell Below The Skies" v

Call to Worship

Scripture Sentences

*Hymn 13 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Confession

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us:
broken things within us that seem never to mend, empty
places within us that seem always to ache, things like
buds within us that seem never to flower. O God of love
and grace, help us accept ourselves; lead us to do those
good and true things that are not compromised by anything
within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us
bloom. For all these things, we will give you the glory
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

PRAISE OF GOD

*Gloria Patri #513

Responsive Reading from Psalm 85 (RSV)

L. Show us thy steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us thy
salvation.

P. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak for he will
speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those
who turn to him in their hearts.

L. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear
him, that glory may dwell in our land.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SCOTT DOLLAR on July 13th. Through error his name was omitted from the Torch Birthday List.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Kim Perry

Nursery next Sunday: Susan Barbee

Children's Church today: Louis Wilkins

Children's Church next Sunday: Patricia or Robin Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 10	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:00 p.m.	Parish House Kitchen Shower
Fri., July 15	6:30 p.m.	Youth Pool Party
Sat., July 16	9:00 a.m.	PLAYGROUND WORK DAY

You Are Invited To A
Kitchen Shower

Parish House Kitchen

S: The Youth Group

E: The Parish House

: July 10th

: 3:00-Until



Church Members And Friends of The Church are
ted to come. Gift suggestions are available at
church or through members of the Youth Group.



- P. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- L. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and
righteousness will look down from the sky.
- P. Yea, the Lord will give what is good, and our land
will yield its increase.
- L. Righteousness will go before him, and make his
footsteps a way.

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 295 "Christ For The World We Sing"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect

Scripture Mark 6:7-13

A Time With Children

Sermon "Traveling Light"

Rev. Beth Lyon

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 317 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Commission and Blessing

- L. You are sent out with authority to proclaim good news
and overcome evil.
- P. God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing.
- Take nothing for your journey, but travel light,
depending on God.
- P. God goes with us in all we do and is present
wherever we dwell.
- If people turn away from your witness do not despair,
but continue in ministry.
- We will shake the dust off our feet and announce
again the grace of God.

nison: Amen.

ongregational Benediction Response Hymn 62

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again: vs. 1

ostlude

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 10, 1988

Mark 6:13

If Jesus had been only a wonder worker or magician, he'd have been forgotten long ago. Healers were a dime a dozen. These common disciples shared his authority. He sent them forth to do precisely what he did: preach, cast out demons and heal. No secret rituals here, no elusive trickery. The church still has a much neglected healing function, which would be more fulfilled if we were more obedient to Jesus' coaching.

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RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

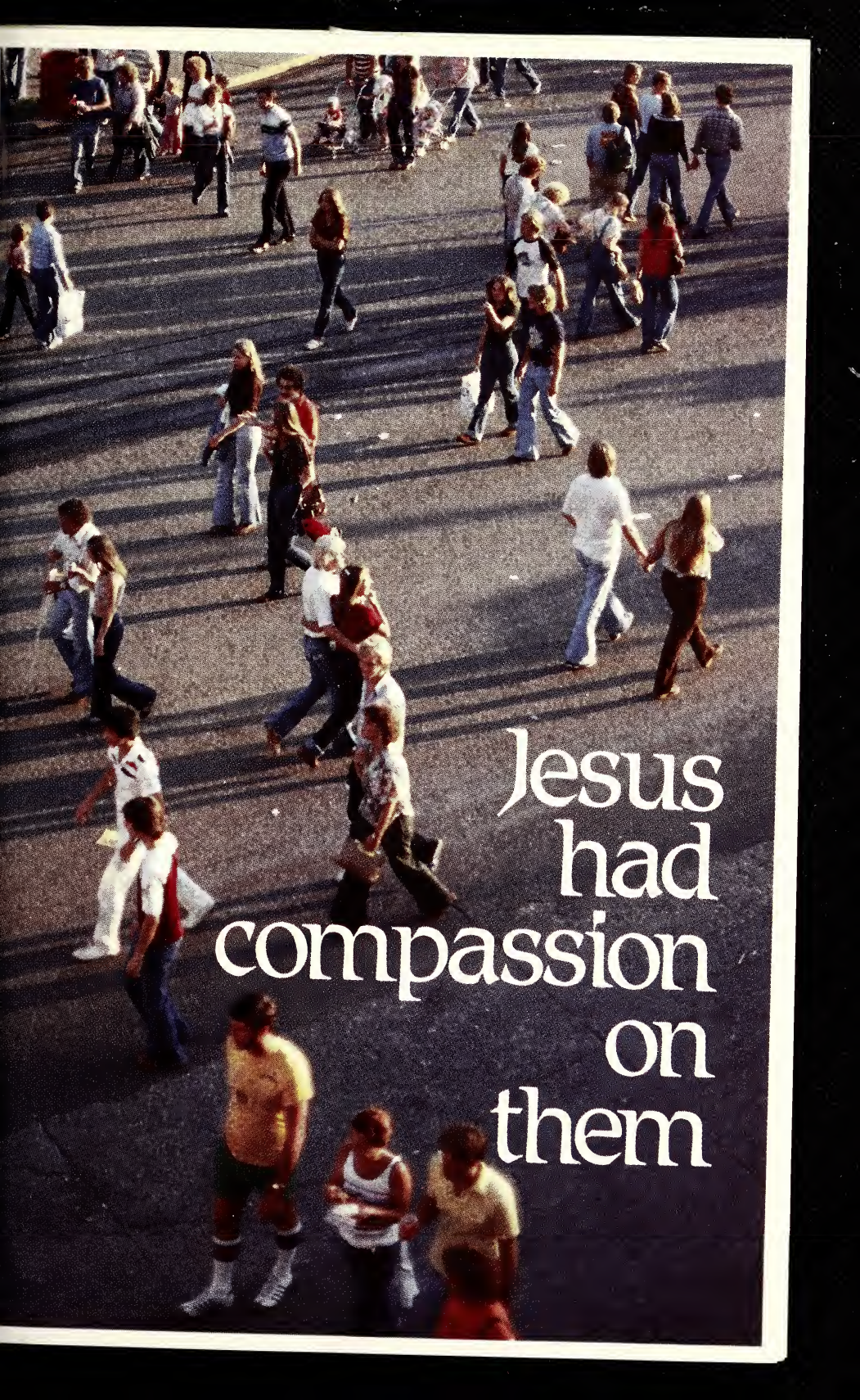
Summer means travel.

Are you a responsible tourist?

This year, don't leave home without first reviewing the Code of Ethics for Tourists developed by the Christian Conference of Asia, working in partnership with the Ecumenical Coalition on Third World Tourism.

1. Travel in a spirit of humility.
2. Be aware of the feelings of the local people.
3. Cultivate the habit of listening and observing, rather than merely hearing and seeing.
4. Other people may have concepts of time, and other thought patterns, that are different from yours.
5. Instead of seeing only the "beach paradise," discover the richness of another way of life.
6. After all, if you want a "home away from home," why travel at all?
7. Get acquainted with local customs and respect them.
8. Remember that you are only one among many visitors—do not expect special privileges.
9. In bargaining for merchandise, remember that even the poorest merchant will give up his/her profit rather than his/her dignity.
10. Make no promises to new friends that you cannot keep.

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Ryan Harris and Daniel Doyle, Acolytes today

July 17, 1988

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Be Still, My Soul, for God Is Near (Partita)

David N. Johnson

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Forms

*Introit Hymn 15 vs. 1 & 4 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

"Hymn 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

Unison Confession

We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us.

Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri Hymn #513

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading from Psalm 22 (TEV)

I will tell my people what you have done;

I will praise you in their assembly.

Praise him, you servants of the Lord!

Honor him, you descendants of Jacob!

Worship him, you people of Israel!

He does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering.

He does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for help.

In the full assembly I will praise you for what you have done;

In the presence of those who worship you I will offer the sacrifices I promised.

The poor will eat as much as they want; those who come to the Lord will praise him.

May they prosper forever!

All nations will remember the Lord.

From every part of the world they will turn to him, all races will worship him.

The Lord is King and he rules the nations.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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Mark 6:30-34, Ephesians 2:11-22

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"No Dividing Wall"

Rev. Beth Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

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"Jesus Shall Reign"

"Commission and Blessing

L. You are no longer strangers to God's covenant,
for you are citizens and saints.

P. We are God's holy temple, a dwelling place of
the Spirit.

L. God is creating a new humanity, and uniting us
with one another.

P. We will be peacemakers where we are and wherever
our influence can reach.

L. Go in peace, with joy and gladness, for God will
grant understanding and strength.

P. We rejoice in our ministry and claim our
citizenship in God's realm.

Unison: Amen.

*Benediction Response Hymn 61 vs. 1

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Postlude

"Fugue in G Minor"

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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Nursery today: Susan Barbee
Nursery next Sunday: Jane Alexander

Children's Church today: Patricia or Robin Woody
Children's Church next Sunday: Lou Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	July 17	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Wed.,	July 20	7:30 p.m.	Banner Design Group
		7:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Thurs.,	July 21	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		8:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Planning Group

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 17, 1988

Mark 8:30-34

Having just returned from a successful mission, weary disciples needed time with their teacher, who invited them to a lonely place. Just as they got there, a clamoring crowd arrived. We would be understanding if Mark told us of resentment over privacy being invaded, or of impatience spawned by fatigue. Instead, Jesus "had compassion upon them" and began to teach. Such is the anatomy of compassion. Not only is it offered when it is needed, but when the giver is not in the mood.

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

REUNIFICATION

At the end of the Second World War, the victorious powers divided three countries—Austria, Germany, and Korea—into zones of occupation. After more than forty years, only the first of these nations has been reunited.

In the two countries that remain divided, the United Church of Christ has ecumenical partnerships.

Many of us are familiar with our ecumenical partners in the two Germanies, the Evangelical Church of the Union (EKU).

In South Korea, our partner church is the Presbyterian Church.

The Korean people, north and south, desire the unity that was theirs for more than a thousand years before the Second World War.

To that end, a few hopeful developments have occurred on the governmental level, including limited cooperation in hosting this summer's Olympic Games.

New initiatives have also been taken among the churches. Since 1984, South Korean churches have identified reunification of Korea as a priority concern, asserting their right and responsibility, as well as that of the people at large, to participate in the national discussion of this issue. A Unification Study Committee has been created by the National Council of Churches in Korea to this end. They tell us there is also a deep will among Christians in North Korea to cooperate in finding ways to achieve national reconciliation and peace through reunification.

The 16th General Synod of the United Church of Christ endorsed the reunification of Korea.



Jesus then took the
loaves, and when he
had given thanks,
he distributed them

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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Travis Loy and Amy Rose, Acolytes today
Dr. George Troxler, Liturgist today

July 24, 1988

11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Suite on the First Tone: Grand Plein Jeu,
Fugue, Recits" Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Be glad in God, and rejoice, O righteous;
shout for joy, all upright of heart.
- P. God has called us by name
and poured out abundant mercy upon us.
- L. God has multiplied our resources
and blessed us with food for body and soul.
- P. Christ dwells in our hearts through faith
that we may be rooted and grounded in love.
- L. God grants us power to comprehend
love's breadth and length, its heights and depths.
- P. The love of Christ surpasses knowledge
and fills us with the fulness of God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer of life, we come
before you confessing our split personalities. We are

called by a high calling; we are captured by visions of your kingdom; we have hopes for the fullness of life offered in Christ. Yet the old ways continue to have a hold on us. We are still absorbed by images--we fret over how we appear to others, and we judge others on how they appear to us. We still think in terms of ourselves. We measure our deeds by their benefit to us, not others. Our dreams of the future are filled with things for us, not people with us. Least of all do we rejoice over the idea of our sacrifice and our cross as the way of new life. As long as our fists are clenched, clinging to what we have known, life slips through our fingers, and we have no open hand to receive what we have only dreamed. Set us free from the old lifeless habits. Forgive our past. Speak to our depths in the silence. Send us celebrating into tomorrow, we pray, for Jesus' sake.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

- L. There is no other god like you, O Lord;
P. You forgive the sins of your people who repent.
L. You take pleasure in showing us your constant love.
P. You will trample our sins underfoot,
and send them to the bottom of the sea!

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 72

Psalm 32

p. 519

Prayer

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Confertory "Kleine Prelude: Allegretto" Hermann Schroeder
Hymnology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

Sermon "Out to Lunch With Christ"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude "Poco Vivace: Intermezzo" Hermann Schroeder

*The congregation may stand at these points.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BURLINGTON DISTRICT
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP




TOURNAMENT
AUG 8-13, 1988
AND

PICNIC

AUG 13,
1988



The Burlington District
Men's Fellowship is holding
it's annual Softball 

Tournament during The
week of Aug 8-13, 1988
to conclude on SAT, AUG 13
with a picnic at the

HAW RIVER U.C.O.F.C.
PICNIC TICKETS ARE \$4.

THE PROCEEDS ARE USED TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH. (LAST YEAR, OUR JOHN
BARBEE WAS AWARDED A \$500 SCHOLARSHIP).

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AFFAIR BY PURCHASING TICKETS. IF
YOU CANNOT ATTEND, YOU MAY GIVE THEM TO OTHERS OR MAY
CONTRIBUTE YOUR TICKETS TO THE ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN
OR TO THE ALAMANCE "FRIENDS OF YOUTH" ORGANIZATIONS
TO SPONSOR A YOUNGSTER'S ATTENDANCE.

TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE, FROM
MEMBERS OF THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OR FROM JIM UNDERHILL
(584-7097) OR EARL PARKER (584-1979).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

SOFTBALL PLAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE UO
TOURNAMENT AUGUST 8-13. IF INTERESTED
IN PLAYING FOR ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY
CHURCH PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
(584-0391) OR BILL BLANCHARD.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Moore and Mrs. Eve Loy by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loy and Travis.

There will be a meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom.

Nursery today: Jane Alexander
Nursery next Sunday: Jackie Pendergrass

Children's Church today: Lou Harper
Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	July 24	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Youth "Music Box"
		7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Mon.,	July 25	7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee
Wed.,	July 27	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Event: Designing a Mission Statement for ECCC
Thurs.,	July 28	7:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Area Meeting - Carolina UCC
	29 - 31		Youth Camping Trip

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24, 1988

John 6:11

Such a crowd, hungry for more than food! Philip, the skeptic, sees there is no way to feed this assembly. But Andrew, the optimist, is willing to test possibilities. John's Gospel asks that we listen with ears alert for more than the obvious. The literal-minded will miss the wonder. We must look beyond bread to Bread. Once shared and touched with thanksgiving, the bread was blessed, and able to feed more than the body.

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

HUNGER

Earthquake devastates homes and destroys crops . . .

Harvests fail because of drought or flood . . .

War forces families to flee their homes . . .

Whenever people are hungry because of crisis in their lives, Jesus asks his disciples again: "How are we to buy bread so that these people may eat?" (John 6:5)

But hunger is not always caused by crisis.

Sometimes it is caused by a lack of resources—seed, tools, land, markets for carefully crafted products. Sometimes it is caused by years of drought and erosion. Sometimes it is caused by a lack of education, training, or access to land and decision-making.

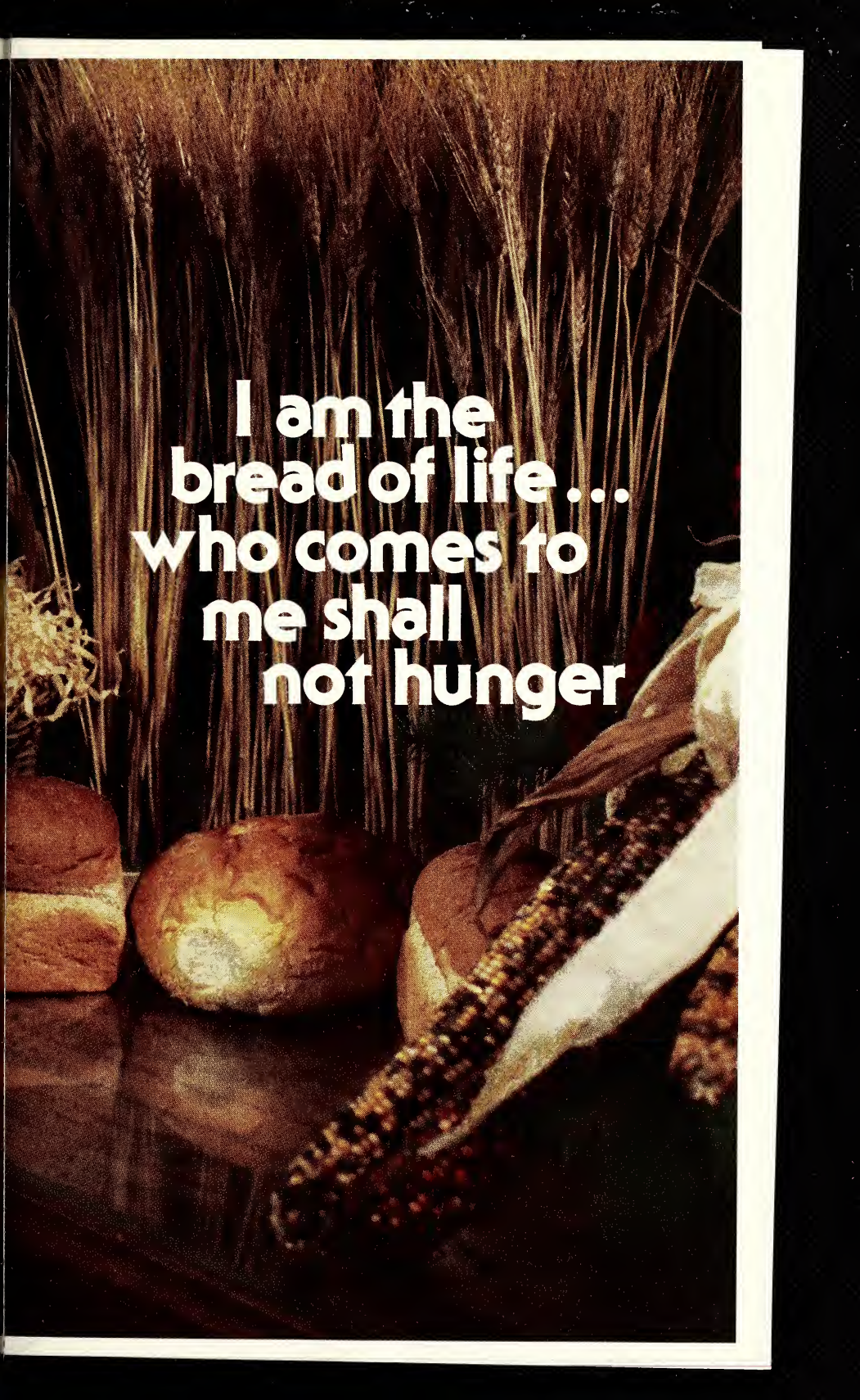
The church, urged by Paul to comprehend the full love of Christ for all families (Eph. 3:14-20), responds by

- providing tools and seeds to those who yearn to plant,
- helping a mother collect child support,
- helping a village dig a well,
- providing scholarships for training and education.

All of these cost money. But when Jesus asks, "How are we to buy bread?" his disciples today pour out offerings of love—both to buy bread and to help people provide their own.

Patti Sprinkle
Presbyterian Hunger Program
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

This message prepared for joint use by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the United Church of Christ.

A still life photograph with a warm, golden-brown color palette. The background is filled with tall, dense stalks of wheat. In the foreground, several loaves of bread are arranged on a dark, reflective surface. One loaf is round and whole, while others are sliced. To the right, a cob of corn with its husk partially removed is visible. The lighting creates soft shadows and highlights the textures of the wheat, bread, and corn.

**I am the
bread of life...
who comes to
me shall
not hunger**

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Shannon Albertson and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today

July 31, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "God Moves In A Mysterious Way"

Healey W.

Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship F

Responsive Call to Worship

L. With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

P. Shall we come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

L. God has showed you, O people, what is good;
and what does the Holy One require of you?

P. To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 246

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, when we let you touch the deep places within us
we are moved to tears of remorse. Again and again we
violate the best you intend for us, to pursue our own
whims and desires. We labor for the food that perishes
and ignore the Bread of Life. We take for ourselves what
you intend for others, and resent your questioning of our
stewardship. We settle for fragmentation rather than
working for unity. O God, forgive and empower us, we
pray. Amen.

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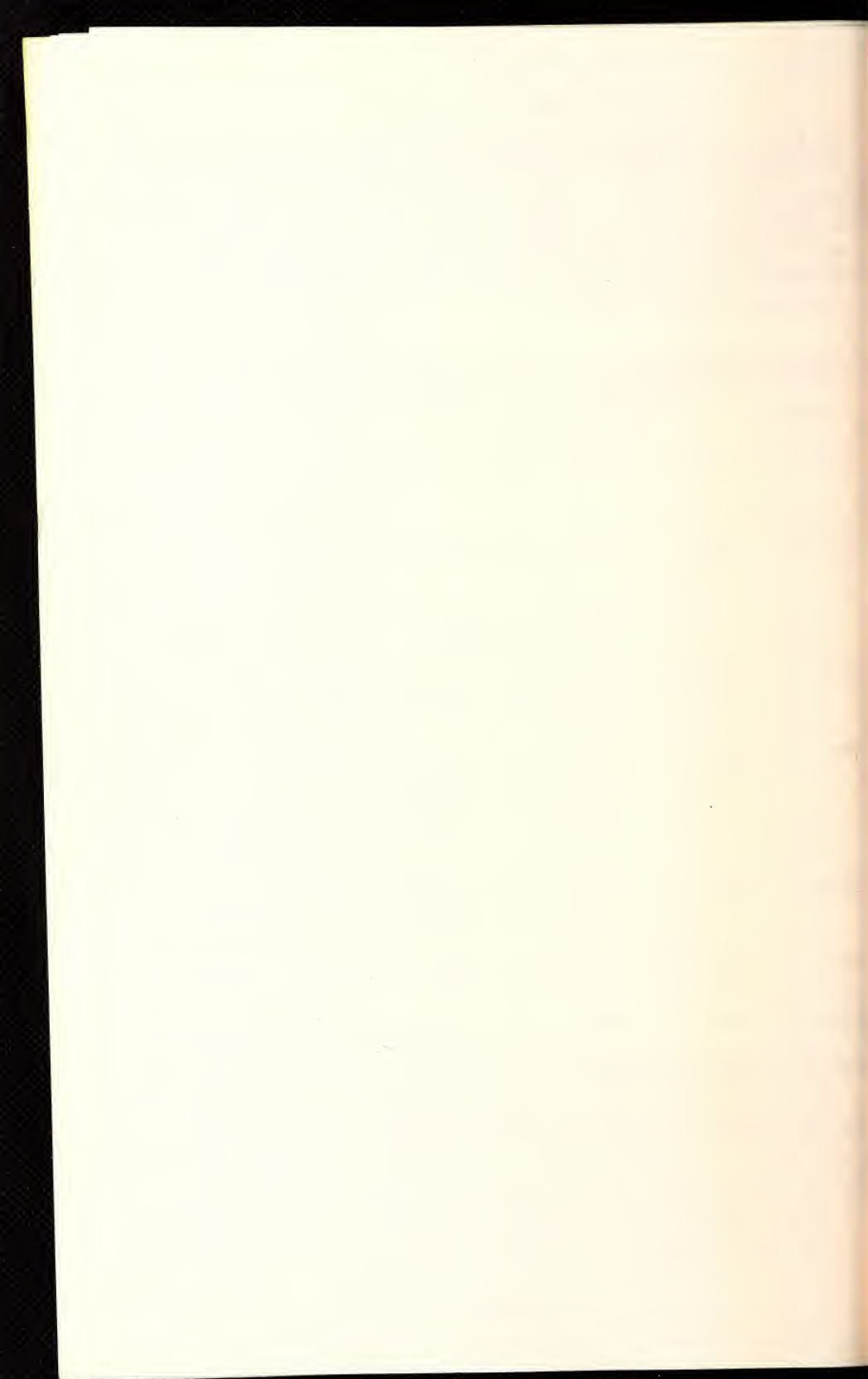
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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Jackie Pendergrass

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	July 31	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.,	Aug. 1	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
		10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
			Church Library
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3 - Lorene Lyon
Tues.,	Aug. 2	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4 - Church Library
Wed.,	Aug. 3	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
Thurs.,	Aug. 4	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
Fri.,	Aug. 5	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School
Sat.,	Aug. 6	10:00 - 4:00	Youth Car Wash



on College Community Church

August 1-5

9 A.M. - 12 NOON

3 YEARS - 5TH GRADE



Theme: "Habitat for Humanity:
Building With God's People
In Need."

Games! Music! Crafts! Fun!



Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading 80

Psalms 51

p. 523

Prayer

A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair" Healey Willan

Doxology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 370

"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

Sermon

"On Looking Down Our Noses"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 242

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Benediction

Postlude

"Agincourt Hymn"

John Dunstable

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 1988

John 6:35

Just as Jesus directed Nicodemus' attention beyond birth to *Birth*, and persuaded the Samaritan woman at the well to think more about *living Water* than mere water, so this crowd is led from thinking about its next meal to seeking meanings that satisfy the deepest hungers. Eating begins a process by which our hungers are repeated. To be "the Bread of Life" is not just to satisfy a need, or guarantee survival, but to fulfill that most basic human drive... the quest for meaning.

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
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OVERSEAS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

United Church of Christ overseas personnel are charged with a rare mission: to work themselves out of a job. As long as the indigenous people of the community are dependent upon us, our mission is unfulfilled. When members of the community fill the positions previously held by United Church Board for World Ministries personnel, the mission is fulfilled.

Today that is increasingly the case at the level of nursing, preaching, and teaching. But many physicians and some theology professors are still North Americans. This is not because our overseas missionaries hold on jealously to the best jobs, but because not enough indigenous Christians have yet gained the advanced training needed for those positions.

But it is only a matter of time. Under its Overseas Leadership Training in Africa program, for example, the United Church Board for World Ministries provides scholarship support for indigenous Christians qualified to pursue graduate study in theology and other disciplines. Most African pastors have professional training in theology: they are qualified to preach, but not to provide specialized ministries. Overseas Leadership Training affords an opportunity for clergy from our partner churches to obtain further education in areas that will benefit their denominations.

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**Deal gently for my
sake with the
young man
Absalom**



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Rob Woody and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

August 7, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Now Pray We To The Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxteh
Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Serve God with gladness!
P. Come before God's presence with singing!
L. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
P. and God's courts with praise!
L. Give thanks to God, and bless God's name!
P. For the Holy One is good;
L. God's steadfast love endures for ever,
P. and God's faithfulness to all generations.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 130 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Mighty One, we have been haughty and proud,
congratulating ourselves for who we are. We have been
lowly and broken, blaming you for what we are not. The
circles of our concern have been narrow. Our relationsh
with you has been one-sided. Forgive us, O God, for we
want to change, to be in tune with your love, that we ma
care about ourselves and others in new ways. Hear us an
help us. In Christ's name. Amen.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sun., Aug. 7 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Mon.-Sat., Aug. 8-13 - UCC Softball Tournament
- Wed., Aug. 10 - 6:30 p.m. Dessert
Design Mission Statement
for ECCC
- Sat., Aug. 13 - 9:00 a.m. Playground Work Day

Time for Reflection and Prayer
Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Prayer
Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering
Offertory "Prayer" Peter Hurford
Credo (#515)
Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the
last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading: Psalm 19, Responsive Reading 68, p. 517
Sermon "The God Who Speaks"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"
Benediction
Postlude "Fantasy: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Dietrich Buxtehude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7 1988

2 Samuel 18:5

King David's son, Absalom, driven by ambition and rebellion, will settle for nothing less than David's throne. David's order to "deal gently" with Absalom is disobeyed by a commander who knows the ambiguity of moral choices. Absalom's death is horrible, but it announces an end to a season of killing. Victory is mixed with mourning.

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE PHILIPPINES

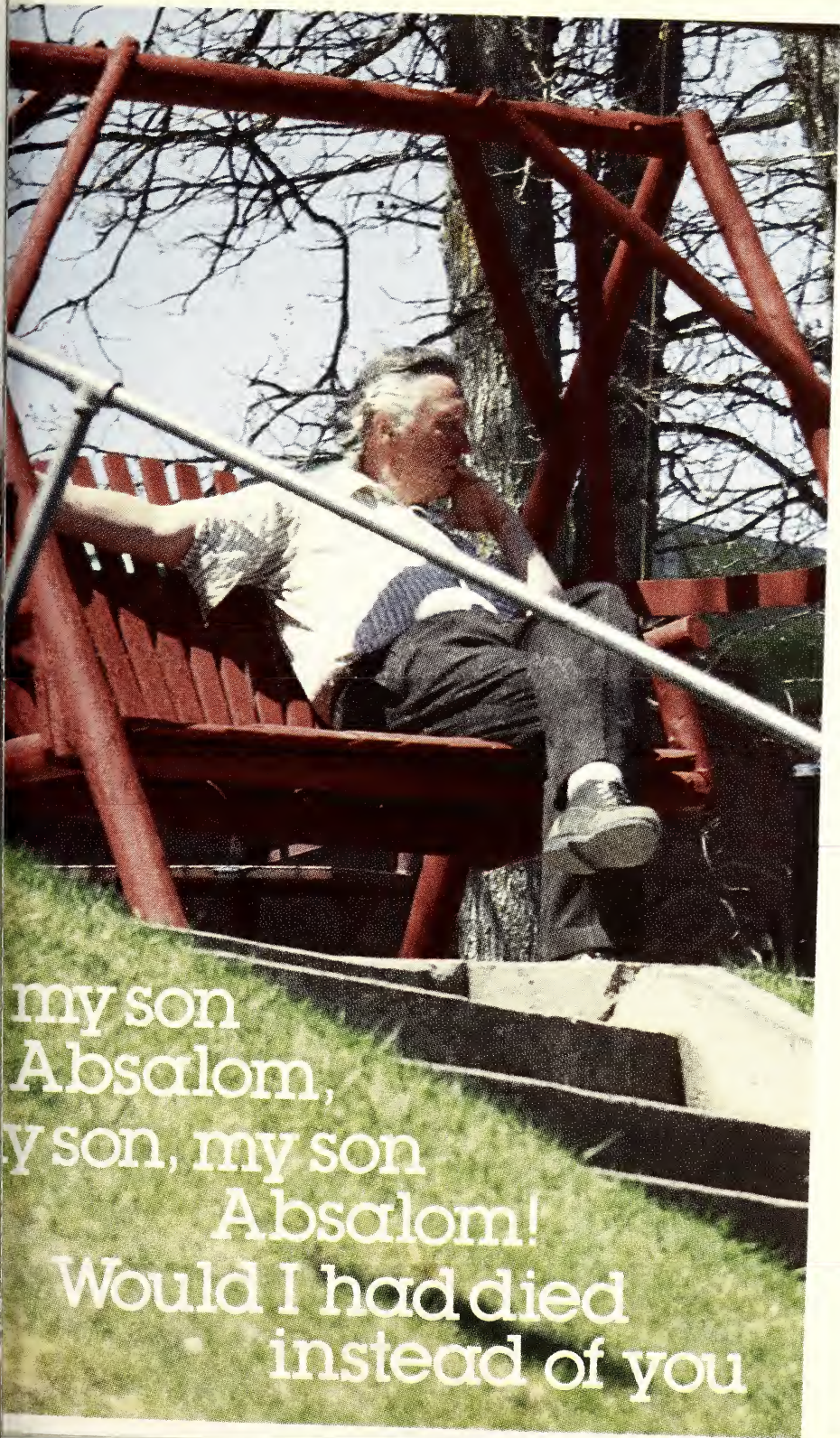
In 1899, President William McKinley told a delegation of clergy how he had agonized over the momentous decision to approve the annexation of the Philippine Islands: "And one night it came to me...that there was nothing left for us to do but take them all, and to educate the Filipinos, and uplift and civilize and Christianize them, and by God's grace to do the best we could by them...."

Three years later, the Rev. Robert F. Black, the first missionary from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, arrived in Mindanao. A year later, his future wife, Gertrude Granger, joined him. From those beginnings, and through the dedicated ministry of Filipino and American Christians, emerged the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

1988 marks the fortieth anniversary of this united church, the largest Protestant body in the Philippines. Today, it claims over 300,000 members in two thousand congregations served by 800 ordained clergy and several hundred other licensed preachers. The United Church of Christ in the Philippines supports sixteen secondary schools, three colleges, and two theological seminaries.

During the 1970s, when the president of the Philippines governed by martial law, the UCCP took the lead among Protestant churches in the struggle for human rights. Today the UCCP continues its "Christian involvement in the transformation of church and society."

We celebrate the ongoing partnership between the United Church of Christ and the UCCP.



my son
Absalom,
my son, my son
Absalom!
Would I had died
instead of you

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Scott Dollar and Rob Woody, Acolytes today

August 14, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Meditation: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Leo Sov
Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship F

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. I lift my eyes to the mountains:
where is help to come from?
P. Help comes to me from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
L. Let us worship God who keeps us
continually in His care.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 6

"O Worship the King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, our God, we celebrate the new life which you have
given us. We have experienced broken lives made whole,
old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits
rejuvenated with new vision. Gracious God, we are so
grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have planned
before us. Yet there are times when doubt has overcome
hope, cynicism has replaced dedication, the world's values
have captured us more than yours. Forgive us those times

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Can you carry a tune? Can you sing? The ADULT CHOIR will begin rehearsals for this season on Wednesday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. We have a great musical year ahead and hope that many of our own church family will join the choir. We have received a great many new anthems over the summer and I look forward to beginning a new season. The choir's strength is in numbers, and I heartily invite you to serve your church in a very special way.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- un., Aug. 14 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Youth
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- ed., Aug. 17 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Walk Day
- nurs., Aug. 18 6:30-8:30 p.m. Afterschool Open House
- ri., Aug. 19 9:30 a.m. Youth - Emerald Point



HABITAT WALK DAY - AUGUST 17

On TV you may have seen Jimmy Carter working to renew slum housing. In area newspapers, we hope you've read about Alamance County's Habitat for Humanity project. Wednesday, August 17, come out to meet Habitat's founder Millard Fuller.

On that day Millard and 100 fellow walkers will pass through Burlington on a summer-long trek from Portland, Maine to Atlanta, Georgia. The journey draws attention to the needs in every city, town, and village for "decent housing for God's people in need."

At 1:30 p.m. join Millard for the dedication of our first house at 221 Union Avenue. At 6:30 p.m. bring something for the Community Pot-Luck Supper and Habitat Rally at City Park in Burlington. Rain location: Front Street United Methodist Church. Hear Millard, meet some of the international walkers, and watch the Habitat Olympics featuring local personalities competing in events that use the skills needed to build Habitat homes!

Call 584-8147 for more information.

HABITAT NEEDS:

- * Money
- * Walkers to join for our local portion
- * Watermelons! (15 to 20 would be great!)
- * Volunteers for phone calls, organizing
- * Workers for local House-raising August 15-19
- * Lots of Ice

To help us meet any of these needs, contact Doug Long, 227-2174 (work) or 578-1301 (home),

COMMUNION LITURGY D

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right that we should.

It is our duty and delight, Creator God, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts, the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

We thank you that we do not celebrate this supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present, and to come. With them and with all creation we praise you and say:

*Holy, holy, holy,
Mighty Lord God,
Everything makes your greatness known:
We acknowledge it too.*

(The elements are distributed.)

(Over)

Communion Liturgy D, continued

Unison Prayer after Communing:

*Eternal and Gracious God,
we praise and worship and adore you
for the food we have received at this table.
You have sent your Holy Spirit among us
to make our eating and drinking here
a memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May your Spirit help us today and tomorrow
to make our living and our working,
our loving and doing and thinking,
a memorial of Jesus;
so that in the end,
with the great company of the redeemed,
we may eat and drink and be glad with him
in the glory of the eternal kingdom.*

To him, with you our Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, may all that lives and breathes--the world
and all creation--give glory, worship, and praise,
now and forever. Amen!

we pray. Help us let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your love and justice. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Elegy"

Arthur Willis

Doxology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 372

"How Firm a Foundation"

(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 (first part of Responsive Reading 103, page 536, down to "...and for evermore.")

Sermon

"The God Who Keeps"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Liturgy D

Hymn 1

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Benediction

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Johann Walther

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 14, 1984

2 Samuel 18:31

King David, awaiting the outcome of battle between his own troops and those of his rebellious son, learns of the death of his son, Absalom. Who of us cannot feel the terrible weight he bears when we hear his heartbroken words? David grieves over his lost son. And he grieves over his lost opportunity to protect his son—even to change places with him in death. Grief visits us all. No one can remain protected. We all learn the taste of tears and the weight of helplessness.

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

CHILDREN

The largest single group of Americans on welfare is...children. While fourteen percent of the population in 1985 was in poverty, the percentage of children under age 18 was more than twenty.

The poorest segment of our population is...children. Nearly one child in four is poor.

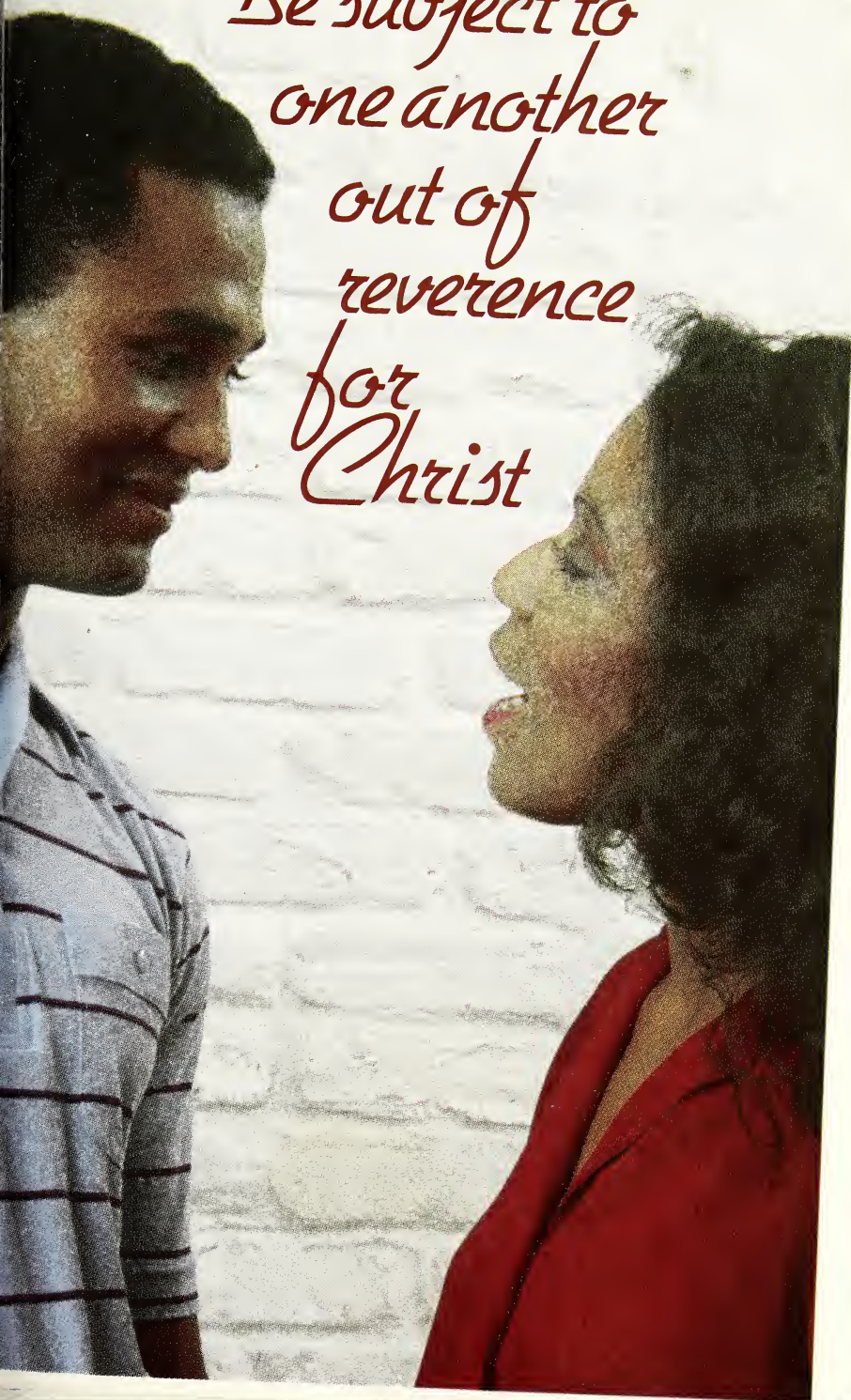
The reasons behind this new development are subject to dispute. Some blame the breakdown of the "traditional" or two-parent family. Others cite the cutbacks in funding for family assistance.

For Christians, however, there should be no dispute about what to do. "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

The United Church of Christ has taken affirmative steps to bring the problem of children in poverty to the fore. In 1985 our gifts to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering supported an Office for Church in Society project to bring public attention and backing to the concern about the impact of poverty upon the lives of more and more American children. In 1986, NIN funds were used to translate the new consciousness into effective legislative action in behalf of children who are poor.

The precise shape of that legislation will be determined by those who govern us. Through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we help to make sure that our voices are heard in the halls of Congress and wherever public policy is set.

*Be subject to
one another
out of
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Daniel Doyle and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today

August 21, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "We All Believe In One True God" Flor Peete

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Come, with undivided attention, to meet God,
who calls you away from old routines.
- P. Our souls wait for God in silence.
We hope in God, our Rock and our salvation.
- L. Come without anxiety or fear,
for God cares for you.
- P. We pour out our hearts before God,
whom we trust and honor.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 38

"Morning Has Broken"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, who misses nothing: we confess that
we have trusted our narrow understandings, rather than
seek your will. We have taken our directions from the
world, rather than question the way things are ordered
here. We have put our confidence in riches and worldly
status. We have closed our ears to your call and, when
we have heard that call, defied it. Even when we have

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Aug. 21	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
Aug. 22 - 24		8:00 a.m.	Youth-Habitat Happening
Tues.,	Aug. 23	7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
Wed.,	Aug. 24	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Aug. 25		Afterschool begins



AUCTION

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO DONATE ITEMS TO OUR CHURCH AUCTION !
WE NEED A LIST OF ITEMS FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. PLEASE USE THIS SHEET TO LIST YOUR DONATIONS TODAY !

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ARE ALSO NEEDED. VOLUNTEERS SO FAR ARE:
FOOD COMMITTEE: EARL DANIELEY, BERTIE FIELDS, VERA DIXON,
BIFF BRAFFORD.

ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE: JOHN KETCHUM, BILL SLOAN,
VERONA DANIELEY, CHIP McCRAW.

YARD SALE COMMITTEE: JOHN IRVINE.

HANDYMAN COMMITTEE: FRED LOY, FRANK DANLEY, PAUL CHEEK,
RAY COVINGTON, J L DIXON.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: GEORGE EDWARDS, BIFF BRAFFORD,
WALTER BOYD.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: EARL PARKER, JIM SCOTT, KEN HARPER.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: MARSH McLELLAND.

AUCTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 1988, RAIN DATE: SEPT, 17.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACES TO LIST YOUR DONATIONS
OR WHICH COMMITTEE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE

PLEASE GET THIS TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS, TOM CONALLY



allowed we have resisted the evidence of your activity
our midst. Forgive us, Powerful One, and save us
om ourselves, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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urance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

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Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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"Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

Louis Nicolas Cherambault

xology (#515)

ayer of Dedication

ymn 353 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ayer for Illumination

ripture Reading: Psalm 1, Reading #62, page 515

ermon

"The God Who Divides"

John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn 412

"O Master Workman of the Race"

enediction

ostlude Toccata in D Minor "The Great"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation may stand at these points.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 21, 1988

Ephesians 5:21

Today, Paul might very well have chosen different words! Some 20th century women object to the words "wives be subject to your husbands." We do Paul a disservice by overlooking his new principle "...out of reverence for Christ." He establishes a new measure which moves marriage from a hierarchal arrangement to a profound mutuality. Living this out, both husband and wife dwell in mutual respect and love before God out of reverence for Christ. In that context, male assumptions about superiority cannot endure.

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

RYDER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Founded by American Board missionaries in 1914, Ryder Memorial Hospital in Humacao, Puerto Rico, is probably the best such institution on the island. Its modern facilities contain the latest equipment; its staff has mastered the newest specialized techniques.

Often, as hospitals gain in sophisticated skills and state-of-the-art technology, they lose touch with the very people they were founded to serve—the poor. But that is not the story at Ryder.

By pioneering in health maintenance and comprehensive health care in Puerto Rico, Ryder has been able to stem the rising cost of medical services. By reaching out to more and more people in need, the hospital has brought efficiencies and economies in administration, supplies, and equipment. In such ways, Ryder continues to serve patients with low incomes.

From family planning to residential care for the elderly, children's day care to same-day surgery, dental care to home care, Ryder Hospital has programs to meet the needs of its community.

The charitable work that was first provided by North American missionaries seventy years ago continues under the capable leadership of a Puerto Rican staff. Through the American Missionary Association of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, we support their work with gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Amy Rose and Emily Woody, Acolytes today

Charles Wilkins, Liturgists today

August 28, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Kyrie, God the Father" Johann Ludwig K

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Choral Call to Worship "Sing to the Lord" Eugene Bu

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Come, seekers for truth, and workers of evil.
Come, all faithful ones, and all who are corrupt--
Come, everyone, for we are all in both camps,
and God still calls us to come.
- P. Sometimes we say, "There is no God";
for God seems absent and unfeeling to us.
But we are here to rest and reflect,
bringing a hope that survives God's silences.
- L. Through Christ, you are no longer strangers;
you need not call on God in doubt and terror.
You are full citizens with the saints of God,
members of God's own household. Come and worship!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we come again to admit that we have hono
you with our lips while our hearts were far away. We ha
elevated our small grasp of truth into absolutes; we hav

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Tuesday, August 30, at 10 p.m., the ABC TV network (channels 8, 11, 13) will air a documentary on foster care in the United States. Part of this was shot on the Elon Home for Children campus, featuring Simone Woods, one of the girls resident there. Dr. Synder was told by Roberta Oster of ABC news that this portion is the one "bright spot" in the documentary.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Aug. 28	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Banner Design Committee
		7:00 p.m.	Youth
Tues.,	Aug. 30	7:00 p.m.	Troop 51 Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Youth Planning Meeting
Wed.,	Aug. 31	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice



held fast to our human traditions as if they embodied your will. We have given our minds to evil thoughts that lead to destructive deeds. We are truly sorry for the many ways we have defiled your creation. We beg for your forgiveness and the opportunity for new beginnings. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Recognition of Leaders in After-School Program

Anthem "As Tenderly As A Father" John Shepherd

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Song of Peace" Jean Langlais

Doxology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 335 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107, Responsive Reading 99, p. 533

Sermon "The God Who Rescues" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 428 "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Benediction

Benediction Response

"O God of Love, O King of Peace" Henry W. Baker

Postlude "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 1988

Orinda, CA 94556

A mighty contest is underway, the outcome still in doubt, not all precincts yet reporting. The church needs us completely girded with special armor. Although powers of darkness seem well armed, we must not discount the power in the gospel of peace that the church holds in trust for the world. Indeed, this may be the only power that can prevail. Such is "the mystery of the Gospel."

Rev. Ray Welles
Orinda Community Church
Orinda, California

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH

Few of us need to be reminded that threats menace our natural environment on every side. What may surprise us, however, is that some people accuse Christianity of supporting the irresponsible exploitation of the environment. These critics argue that the Old Testament account of creation encourages human domination over nature. Words from Genesis— "fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion...over every living thing that moves upon the earth"—are often cited as proof of this assertion.

But the creation story also makes clear that humanity itself is a part of creation: formed "of dust of the earth." Furthermore, Genesis states that God placed human beings in the garden of Eden "to till it and keep it," which sounds more like stewardship than exploitation.

While the creation story in Genesis may be ambiguous, the Bible has many other passages that make clear that God did not pass along to humans full dominion over the earth. The Psalmist, for example, writes that "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Passages in Leviticus (25:23) and I Chronicles (29:11) echo that theme.

To be stewards of God's creation, then, means to conserve and protect the environment, not to exploit it. Stewardship: there is no other term in scripture that more aptly describes human responsibility of caring for and tending the created order in keeping with the Creator God's intentions.

IN THIS TEMPLE
IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
IS ENSHRINED FOREVER

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Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today

September 4, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Choral from Four Pieces for Organ" Joseph Jo

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Choral Call to Worship

"Lord, Have Mercy (Missa Archangelus)" Larry

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Incline your hearts to the wisdom of God;
seek integrity and understanding.

P. The testimonies of God are wonderful;
the unfolding of God's word gives light.

L. Receive God's word and treasure God's commandments;
cry out for insight and knowledge.

P. Every good endowment and perfect gift
is brought forth by the will of God.

L. Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger,
as doers of the word, not hearers only.

P. We seek to be redeemed from human oppression
to a faith that is pure and undefiled.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of All Knowledge, Source of All Truth: we bring
ourselves before you as we really are. We do not want to
deceive ourselves, and we know we cannot deceive you. L

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WELCOME ELON COLLEGE STUDENTS! We hope that you will worship with us regularly, and become a part of our church family. Please plan to be our guests at a covered-dish luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 18, immediately following the worship service in the Parish House. We look forward to seeing each of you!

Children's Church today: Janet or Mike Mayse
Children's Church next Sunday: George or Carole
Troxler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 4	9:45 a.m.	Church School Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Ed
Mon., Sept. 5		Church Office Closed
Tues., Sept. 6	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Sept. 7	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat., Sept. 10		Church Auction

PRESENTATION OF TEACHERS

Leader: We gather this morning to dedicate these persons for the important ministry of teaching within our Church. They have been called by God to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

COVENANT

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for teaching in the Church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Teachers: I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Teachers: I do, relying on God's grace.

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in teaching the gospel. We promise to support and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER.

no iniquity have dominion over us. Redeem us from human oppression and the lure of distorted values. Silence the tongues that run wild with gossip, and the ambitions that run roughshod over the aspirations of others. Open wellsprings of gratitude for your gifts we have taken for granted, and open our hearts to the needy people around us whom we have ignored. Then we can aspire to your forgiveness. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

Prayer

A Time With Children Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Dedication of Church School Teachers See Liturgy

Offering

Offertory "Fantasy on the Hymn Tune 'St. David'"
Richard Proulx

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 322 "Jesus Calls Us"
(Children leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:31-37; James 1:19-27, 3:1-12

Sermon "Tongue Loosened, Tongue Curbed" John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Benediction

Benediction Response "Day by Day, Dear Lord"
Harold W. Friedell

Postlude "Fugue on the Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)"
Francois Couperin

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 1988

Proverbs 2:8

If we love the God of our salvation, the One who chooses and seeks and bears with us, we are called to show it in our deeds. It is only as we listen for wisdom, cry out for insight, and guard the paths of justice, that we receive the continuing gifts of God's power and presence. As the new year begins in our schools and church programs, let us heed these wise words and their promise.

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

LABOR SUNDAY

"Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let him sleep." So says the Preacher (Eccles. 5:12). But what does he know about work? Maybe a lot, maybe a little.

There is such a thing as sweet sleep after a day's work. A TV dinner or leftovers may be enough if the hunger to perform well and pull one's weight is satisfied.

Loving to work is fine, but money and dignity are considerations. And many workers today, especially women, are underpaid and undervalued as human beings. The "bottom line" is what counts in the business world, groceries or no groceries, sweet sleep or no sleep. The well-off at least do not have to lie awake worrying about milk for the kids or how to pay the utilities. If they are anxious about their investments, that may be the "surfeit" that will not let them sleep.

We once celebrated the gains of labor on Labor Day. That is not so easy today. Employment is up, but most of the new jobs are low paying. More and more families can't afford adequate food, shelter, and medical care. And that is something all of us Christians need to lose some sleep over.

Rev. Lindell Sawyers
Adult Editor
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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MAKING BREAD WITH THE POOR



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Scott Dollar and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

September 11, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Sonata in F Major: Allegro, Adagio, Vivace
Georg Philip Tele

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Choral Call to Worship "Lift High the Cross"
Sidney H. Nicho

Responsive Call to Worship Beth Lyon, Litu

L. God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

P. We have gathered to hear the story of God
and God's people.

L. It is a story of God's mercy and steadfast love.

P. It is our story, for we are God's people.

All: Inspire us, our God, to faithfulness, to mercy,
to steadfast love. Let us become a people
who reflect your image.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creatin
still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us.
We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning

way from our neighbors, our broken promises, and our
repentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One.

We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have
given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for
goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more
than people. Forgive us, O Holy One.

Cleanse us from the illusion of innocence. Come into
our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of
Jesus. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading Psalm 106:4-12,48 (Jerusalem Bible)

Yahweh, remember me.

for the love you bear your people,

come to me as a saviour,

let me share the happiness of your chosen,

the joys of your nation

and take pride in being one of your heirs.

We have sinned quite as much as our fathers,

we have been wicked, we are guilty;

our ancestors in Egypt never grasped

the meaning of your marvels.

They failed to appreciate your great love,

they defied the Most High at the Sea of Reeds.

For the sake of his name, he saved them

to demonstrate his power.

One word from him dried up the Sea of Reeds,

he led them across the sea bed like dry land,

he saved them from the grasp of those who hated them

and rescued them from the clutches of the enemy.

And the waters swallowed their oppressors,

not one of them was left.

Then, having faith in his promises,

they immediately sang his praises.

Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel,

from all eternity and for ever! Amen.

them "Amazing Grace" setting by Richard Wienhorst
Melissa Dexter and Tim Hill, flutists

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Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" Paul O. Mar

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 367 "Fight the Good Fight"
(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:5-31

Sermon "Standing Firm and Going Forward" John Irvin

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "When Thou Liest Down"
from Twelve Canticles Randall Thompson
(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Lift High the Cross" (Crucifer)
Setting by Paul O. Mar

*The congregation may stand at these points.

Reach Out & TOUCH Someone... United Way



In our busy world we do not always think of the sick, the elderly, the handicapped, the needs of youth or the disadvantaged. Yet we do care... and wish to see our concern translated into real help for others.

The United Way and its 39 agencies serve Alamance County in a variety of ways. It takes hundreds of volunteers securing contributions to make the necessary services available to the people who need them. One out of every four in our community is helped by the United Way agencies.

THIS IS UNITED WAY SUNDAY

The King will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when saw we thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? A stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee? And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (St. Matthew 25:34-40)

Brothers and sisters of all faiths have a common claim. They care about others.

People of Alamance County's churches join together at this time in supporting the United Way's efforts to bring needed services and professional care to so many in our community.

May the Lord guide you to help people — The United Way.

With special thanks to the following for their dedication, care & concern:

Dr. Winfred Bray
Dr. John Eliason
Dr. C.L. Thompson, Jr.
Dr. Charles Williams

Reach Out & TOUCH Someone...United Way

United Way Service Agencies

FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Caswell County Parish
Emergency Needs Fund/Venture Grants
Family Abuse Services of Alamance County
Florence Crittenton Services
International Social Services
N.C. Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy
Rape Crisis Alliance
Red Cross
Salvation Army
Suicide & Crisis

FOR CENTRAL SERVICES

North Carolina United Way
United Way of Alamance County (Collection,
Management, Agency Relations,
Disbursements)

FOR CHILD CARE

Advocacy Center for Children's Education
and Parent Training (ACCEPT)
Alamance County Assn. for Retarded Citizens
Children's Home Society of NC
Christmas Cheer
Family Abuse Services of Alamance County
N.C. Society of Autistic Adults & Children
Parents Reach Out

FOR PLANNING

Community Council of Alamance County

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Alamance County Council on Aging
ACCESS (Meals-On-Wheels)
Friendship Center
Hospice of Alamance County
Hospice of North Carolina
National Council on Aging

FOR YOUTH SERVICES.

PREVENT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Alamance County 4-H Program
Boy Scouts of America, Cherokee Council
Girl Scouts, Tarheel Council
Salvation Army Boys' & Girls' Club

FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Alamance County Mental Health Association
American Social Health Association
Christian Counseling Center, Inc.
Epilepsy Association of North Carolina
Medical Research of N.C. United
Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation
United Health Services of NC
(Alcohol/Drug Abuse)
Wesley Hall of Alamance County

FOR FAMILY SERVICES

Y.M.C.A.
Alamance Coalition on
Adolescent Pregnancy

Reach Out & TOUCH Someone... United Way

*For more information on United Way Services, or if you wish to make a donation
please call United Way at:*

226-2488

or write

United Way of Alamance County

P. O. Box 1268

Burlington, NC 27215



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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Ann, R. J., Marie and Kimberly Acquilano in honor of Ann's parents, Louis and Joyce St. John.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Updyke Choral Center. This is the first meeting of their new year and the program will be presented by Rev. John Truitt on their theme for the year, "Journey into the Future."

Alamance County's 10th Annual CROP WALK is scheduled for October 2. As in prior years, volunteers are needed to assist with registration. Helpers will be needed from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Persons willing to assist with registration should call Alamance County Community Services Agency at 229-7031.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Children's Church today: George or Carole Troxler
Children's Church next Sunday: Ann or R. J. Acquilano

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Sept. 11	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Church Council
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon.,	Sept. 12	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
		7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee
Tues.,	Sept. 13	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Sept. 14	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Sept. 15	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Fri., Sat.,			Youth Caravan Training at BRAG

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 1988

Proverbs 22:9

What's in it for me? For myself, my family, my class, my group? This grasping attitude could not be further from the generous spirit of our God, who gives life to rich and poor alike, and calls us to recognize our kinship as members of one great family. It is out of a sense of the organic connectedness of all people that lives of generous sharing grow. When we learn to see with what Proverbs calls "a bountiful eye," we will develop the ability to respond to human need by sharing bread and blessing.

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

"RIGHTEOUS CHRISTIANS"

Last year, a young Hollywood filmmaker returned to his birthplace, the Protestant village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, in the rugged hills of south central France. There he filmed a documentary on the people who sheltered him — and hundreds of other Jewish children — from harm during the Nazi occupation.

For many who see "Weapons of the Spirit," it will be the first time they have heard the heroic story of the Le Chambon community, and its courageous pastors, Andre Trocme and Edouard Theis.

Not so for members of the United Church of Christ, however. They read this story of Christian witness in church publications, and even heard it in person, shortly after the war.

For the ministry of Andre Trocme and Edouard Theis did not end with the liberation of France from Nazi occupation. After the war, with help from our two mission boards, the small school they had founded grew into an international boarding "college" dedicated to reconciliation and understanding among the peoples of Europe and America.

We give thanks that the light of mercy from Le Chambon glowed through the long dark night of the Holocaust. We are also grateful that past gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission helped sustain that community's commitment to international reconciliation after the war.

MAKING PEACE



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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Daniel Doyle and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today

September 18, 1988

STUDENT SUNDAY

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Partita: "Hail to Thee My Jesu, Holy"
Johann Sebastian B

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Form

Choral Call to Worship Music: William Albr
"Father, we thank thee who hast planted the holy Name
within our hearts. Knowledge and faith and life
immortal, Jesus Thy Son to us imparts."

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. God is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?
P. God is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
L. Behold all the beauty of God
and make inquiry in God's temple.
P. We have come to worship and seek wisdom,
to find shelter and help amid life's storms.
L. God lifts us up from our doubts and fears,
granting us confidence and courage.
P. We will offer sacrifices of joy and thanksgiving,
we will sing and make melody to our God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

nison Prayer of Confession

Turn us away from evil thoughts and deeds, O God of
right and Salvation. Put down in us falsehood and
boasting, jealousy and selfish ambition. We confess that
we aspire to power and recognition, while you call us to
service. We would like to be first, even when you counsel
us to accept more humble roles. Grant us childlike trust
and peaceable goals, as we seek to embody your purposes
for us. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Antiphon "Oh, Kind Jesus"

Latvian Folk Song Arr. by Robert Hunter

"Oh, kind Jesus, loving Saviour, Guide me gently, with
Thy love. In my thoughts Thou art ever, Waking, sleeping,
Thou art near. When I doubt Thee Lord, forgive me. Fold
me, safely in thine arms. When dark shadows fill my being,
Be Thou ever near to me. Bless, I pray Thee, all Thy
children, Guide them, surely to Thy home."

Prayer

Richard McBride

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Pastorale in F Major "Andante"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Exology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Antiphany for Shelter

see insert

Antiphon

"Why Did We Talk of Rank?"

Tune: Azmon

Why did we talk along the road
Of greatness, pow'r, and rank?
In wisdom, God our gifts bestowed;
Now God we pause to thank.

All those who first position seek
No privilege deserve;
While each one is to God unique,
We all must learn to serve.

There is no place for jealousy
Or arrogant pretense
Among the folks from sin set free
By gracious Providence.

We see God's love personified
In children's perfect trust.
O may we in such faith abide
That we become more just.

Let gentleness and mercy reign,
With wisdom from above,
That, healing one another's pain,
Our lives may know God's love. Amen.

--text by Lavon Bayler

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18, Mark 9:30-37

Sermon "Gospel Values"

Beth Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 60 "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "As the Father Loves Me, So Have I
Loved You" Ralph C. Schults

(The Congregation is requested to remain in place
until the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Tocatta in D Minor"

Max Regier

*The congregation may stand at these points.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR HUMAN HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity is an international, ecumenical Christian ministry that is dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing from the earth. We call upon people of goodwill, especially people of faith, and all churches, to observe the third Sunday of September as an International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat.

We all know about the problem. Millions of people, all made in the image of God, live in wretched conditions. They simply do not have a decent place in which to live. This is not right. *This is bad news.*

The *good news* is that we can do something about it. With God, all things are possible, even the elimination of poverty housing. *But*, your help is needed. God works through people. Will you help? Will you pray? Will you act?

Those of us fortunate enough to have a decent house cannot sit back in our affluence and comfort *doing so little* while so many of our neighbors, both near and far, are suffering in miserable shacks.

Let us pray and act together to *do more* about this worldwide problem, and let us do it all to the glory of God.

Millard Fuller
Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity

**Building in
Partnership With
God's People
in Need**



HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY

LITANY FOR SHELTER

LEADER I: This is the day the Lord has made.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LEADER II: I'll try, Lord. I know you love me, but it would be easier if I could keep the rats out of the kids' room.

PEOPLE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LEADER II: It's still raining. I wonder where I can get another bucket to put under that new leak in the front room.

PEOPLE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LEADER II: Somewhere I've got to find enough money to catch up the back heating bill, so they'll turn the heat back on. It's getting colder now, and we've got to have heat. I'll turn the heat back on. It's getting colder now, and we've got to have heat. I'll put some cardboard over those holes in the wall to keep the cold out. Some insulation would sure help.

PEOPLE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LEADER II: Rejoice, Lord? I know you love me—with all the work I sometimes forget. I work hard every day trying to do what's right and provide for my family. But this old shack gets to me. It's always cold in here, and I can't make it look nice. The boys don't want anybody to even know where they live, much less have a friend come over to play.

PEOPLE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LEADER II: I wonder what it would be like to have a house with glass in all the windows and paint on the walls (the boys would have blue . . . and there would be a pretty, sunny yellow kitchen). What if we had floors that looked shiny after I scrubbed them, and no more leaks, and we could be warm. That would be a day I could rejoice!

PEOPLE: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and remember His commandment to feed the hungry . . . release the captive . . . clothe the naked . . . house the homeless.

LEADER I: Awaken in us, Creator God, an awareness of those who are without a decent home — your children who know not where they will find shelter this night. Lead us to a commitment to eliminate poverty housing in our world. Lead us to pray and build with those who are praying and building with your homeless people, wherever they may be.

All: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice. We will pray. We will reach out to those in need of adequate shelter, with hammer in our hands, love in our hearts, and the knowledge that with God all things are possible. Then, we will all rejoice together!

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today have been given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Kimball to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Allen Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Cooke.

TODAY IS ELON COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY. We extend a warm welcome to all students and invite you to worship with us often. We hope you will join us for a covered dish luncheon held in your honor immediately following the worship service in the Parish House.

ELON COLLEGE CHORAL SCHOLARS

1988 - 1989

Lynda Lou Wright
Candy Rotolo
Robin Griffin
Stephanie Hulin
Chris Lawrence

Tim Hill
Kevin Blythe
Nathan Bearfield
Raymond Walden
Leonard Rowe

Children's Church today: Ann or R. J. Acquilano
Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Sept. 18	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Covered-dish Luncheon
		3:00 p.m.	Acolytes
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
		8:00 p.m.	Budget Committee
Mon.,	Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Sept. 20	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Sept. 21	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 18, 1988

James 3:18

Sowing a harvest of righteousness is risky work. Peacemakers are never popular. They stand in the middle ground, listening to everyone, seeking to be fair, working to reconcile those pulling in opposite directions. The author of the Epistle of James struggles to curb the vicious tongues of Christians summoned to love, but busy wounding each other instead. He calls them away from the inner attitudes of jealousy and selfishness that produce quarrels and toward the gentle wisdom from above that makes for peace.

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY SUNDAY

"How is it that Memorial UCC Church in Cannon Ball has so much money?"

People don't ask that kind of question very often in "Indian Country," because no one on the reservation has very much money.

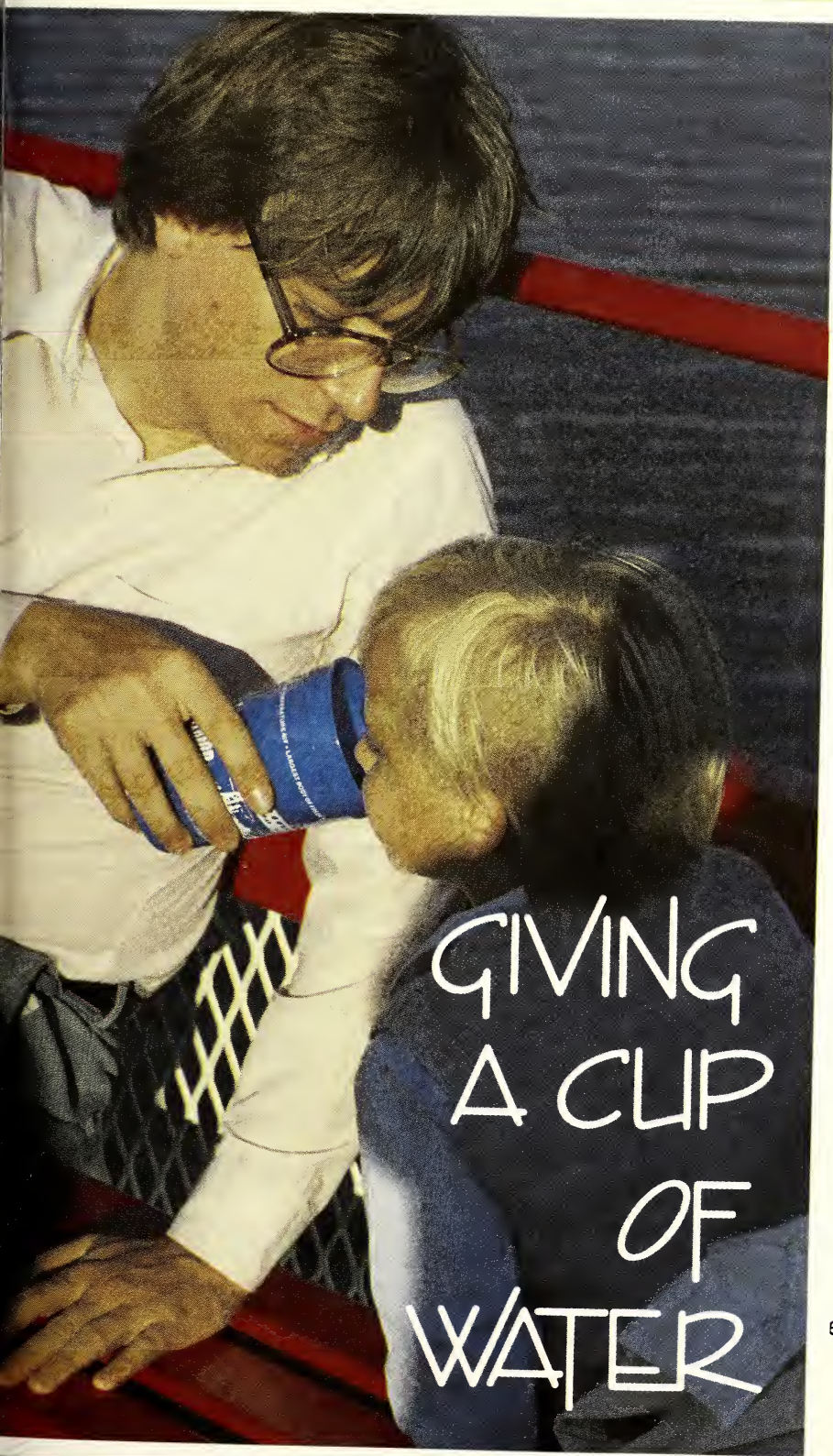
Yet the Cannon Ball church was the first Dakota Association congregation to raise its quota for the 1988 Mission Meeting, the annual summer gathering for worship and business. Its members also contribute regularly to UCC offerings.

"How is it that Memorial UCC Church in Cannon Ball has so much money?"

The major reasons are that Cannon Ball, unlike some other Indian churches, has regular pastoral leadership and regular Sunday worship services.

No one would claim that regular pastoral leadership is a panacea. It also takes devout and committed members to make a church grow in mission and giving. But regular pastoral leadership provides the foundation, the training, and the encouragement for continuing membership support.

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission help the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ provide regular pastoral leadership for UCC Indian churches.



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GIVING A CLIP OF WATER

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Emily Woody and Amy Rose, Acolytes today
Rev. Richard McBride, Liturgist today

September 25, 1988

PARENTS' SUNDAY

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Trumpet Sonata in B^b Major Jean-Baptiste Loei
Allegro-Adagio-Gavotte
(Kevin Byrd, trumpet)

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Choral Call to Worship "Create in Me a Clean Heart"
Alice Jo

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God watched over us as we slept last night.

P. God was there when we awakened this morning.

L. God is in this place, among us now.

P. God is in the silence, the singing, the sermon,
and the prayers.

All: We give ourselves over to the worship of God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, who brooded over the world when it was create
and broods now over your children until we are shaped i
the image of Christ, we confess our daily sins: the wor
sharply spoken, the praise withheld, the embrace not giv
the hurt disguised, the envy felt, the self indulged, t

need neglected. Receive us now broken, penitent, wishing it were otherwise. Enfold us in the arms of love and forgiveness, and restore a new spirit within us. Make us one with ourselves, with each other, with the world, with time and all the saints. Let your name be magnified, let Christ be glorified, let the Holy Spirit be intensified, in each heart and on all our lips, this day and forever. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Grant Us Thy Peace" Felix Mendelssohn
"Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,
Thou Source of ev'ry blessing.
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word.
All things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety."

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Confertory

"Psalm 150"

John Harper

Exology (#515)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 365

"Faith of Our Fathers"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the last stanza of the hymn.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Sermon

"Generational Descent"

John Irvine

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 489

"I Would Be True"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

"Now the Silence"

Carl F. Schalk

(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude

"Pasticcio"

Jean Langlais

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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*Your presence is requested at the
dedication ceremony for the
Elon College
Volunteer Fire Department Station
Sunday, September 25, 1988
Guest Speaker:
Congressman Howard Coble
Dedication 2:00 p.m.
Open House 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

RSVP 584-9190



RENEWING YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

Elon College Community Church made a three-year commitment of \$15,000 to the Cornerstone Campaign of the Southern Conference...to provide new church starts, church renewal, scholarships for seminary students and other needs in our geographical area.

Many of you made a pledge for 1988--and you may have assumed that you were making that pledge for the entire three years of our church commitment. But we need to know that you are renewing your personal pledge.

So will you fill out the statement below--and fold this insert and place in offering plate?

Thanks so much!!!!

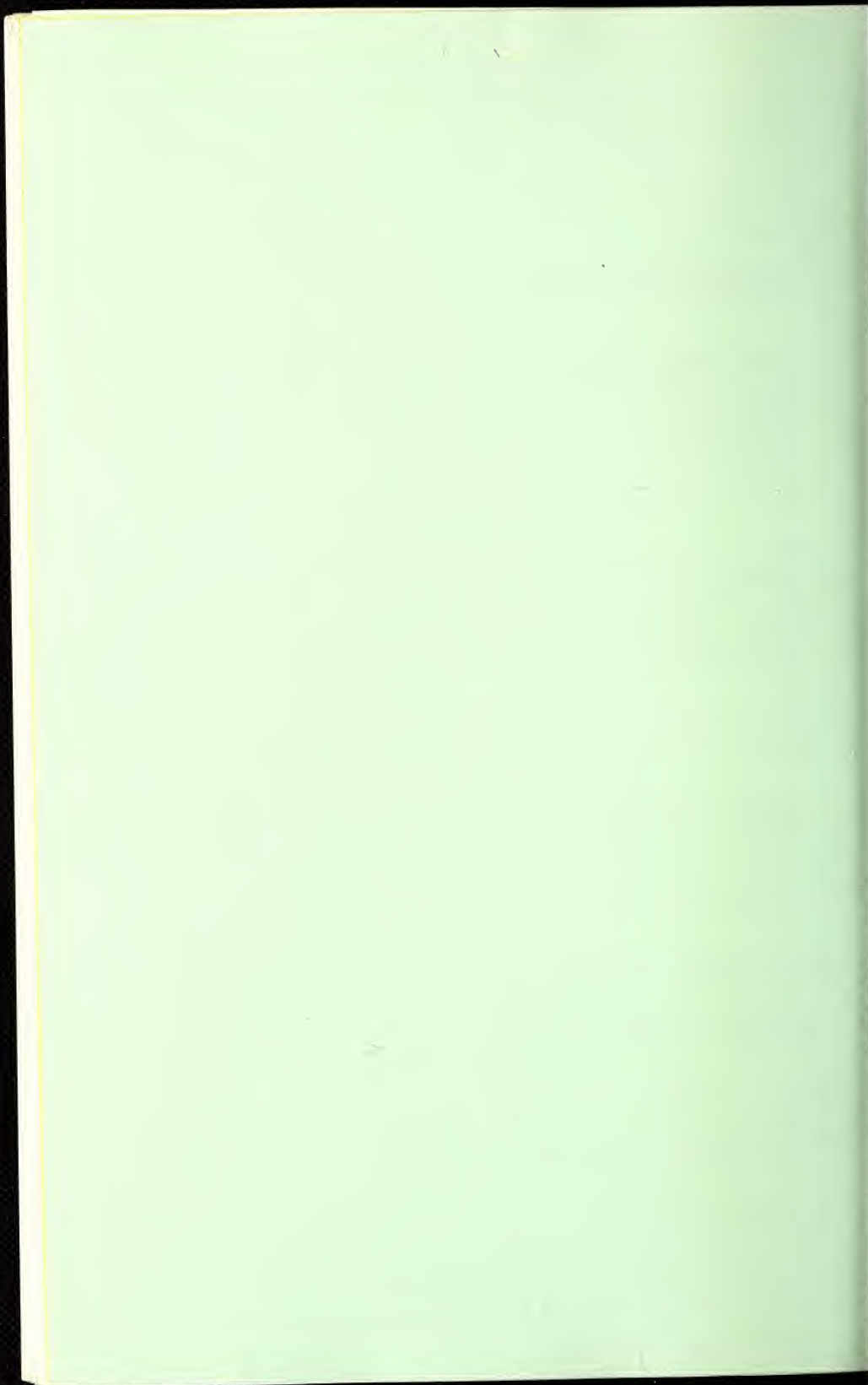
The Mission Board

CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN, SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

I renew my pledge for 1989 of \$ _____.

Name: _____

Date: _____



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THE ALTAR FLOWERS today have been given by Mrs. Walter C. Perry, Jr. to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr., and also, to honor grandchildren, Amy, Emily, Rebecca, Michael and Matthew, all of whom have September birthdays.

Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

Children's Church today: Sheree Smith
Children's Church next Sunday: Carolyn Messick

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 25	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Youth - Hyco Lake
	6:00 p.m.	College Student Dinner
Mon., Sept. 26	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Troop 51 Court of Honor
Tues., Sept. 27	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
Wed., Sept. 28	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Bill Terrell has recently been moved to Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, Room 4142. Visiting hours are 4 to 8 p.m.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 1988

Mark 9:41

Our bodies are mostly water. Without that precious element we die. To give a cup of water is to give a cup of life. Jesus recognizes this reality in today's Gospel lection, stressing that such an act of mercy has a validity of its own. Whether or not the giver is a follower of Jesus, the gift blesses both giver and receiver by assuaging two thirsts — for life-enabling water and love-creating community. May we be givers and receivers of many cups of water bestowed in Christ's name!

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

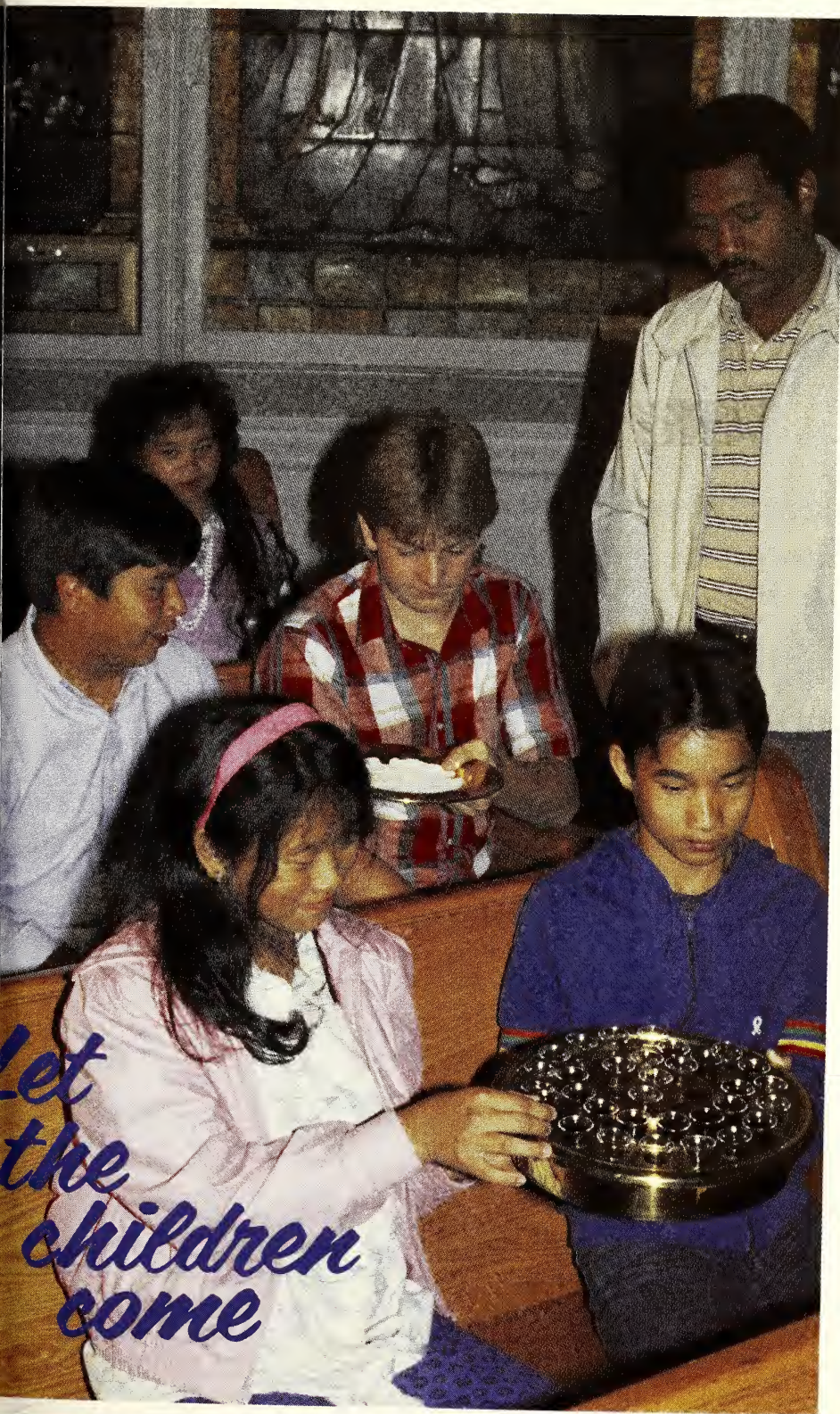
However great their faith, many Christians today lack the language, symbols, and images to express it adequately. They confess that their roots in scripture and tradition are shallow and precarious. They cannot readily identify the connection between the gospel and the realities of their lives. Yet, without the language and stories of faith, the good news of God's present and coming rule among us can hardly be told.

This year two new curricula of the United Church of Christ, developed ecumenically, address the roots and language of faith. *Bible Discovery* is systematically biblical. *Discipleship Alive!* brings the biblical story to bear on the life of discipleship. Both of them in different ways explore the implications of scripture for Christian life.

Our resources are only as useful as we make them, however, and much more needs to be done in education and worship so that we can speak the language of faith and deliver its word of life to the church and the world.

The United Church of Christ will continue to draw from its roots and to look toward the day when its members will own their faith with its wealth of language, symbol, and image and be able then to convey its healing and transforming power in the world.

Rev. Ansley Coe Throckmorton
United Church Board
for Homeland Ministries



*Let
the
children
come*

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Marie Acquilano and Elizabeth Mayse, Acolytes today

October 2, 1988

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Meditation on "Rhosymedre"
(My Song is Love Unknown) Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Form

Choral Call to Worship "This is the Day" Hal H. Hops

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We come from many places to worship in this place.

P. Remembering our creation, we come without shame.

L. We come to worship as one family, along with all
those in every land who name Jesus as Lord.

P. Remembering how Jesus blessed the children,
we come as children of one God.

L. We come to break bread, share the cup,
and meet our Lord.

P. Remembering the suffering and death of Jesus,
we come to renew our covenant in his name.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 295 "Christ for the World We Sing"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

I think I am a pretty good person, Lord, until I come
into the sanctuary. Then I realize how many things are
wrong in my life. Many of my values have been confused
with the world's values. I have cared more about a good

appearance than a pure heart. I have sought riches and security instead of treasures in heaven. I have desired the praise and admiration of others more than a "Well done, good and faithful servant." Here in the community of faith I realize the emptiness of my life without you. Forgive me, O Lord, and help me make it up to you. Let the meditations of my heart and the actions of my daily life become acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Antiphon "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Norman Gilbert

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Wonder anew all the Almighty can do,
Ye who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before
him!

Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him. Praise to the Lord! Amen.
Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "The Call" from Five Mystical Songs
Ralph Vaughan Williams
Baritone: Leonard Rowe

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife:
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love."

*Doxology (#515)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 483 "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old"
(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs after the last stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Sermon "Making Somebodies Out of Nobodies"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy

*Hymn 405 "Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Whatsoever You Do" Hal H. Hops
(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude Fantasia on the hymn tune "Hyfrydol"
Ralph Vaughan Williams

*The congregation may stand at these points.

COMMUNION LITURGY B

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God; we thank you for commanding light out of darkness, for dividing the waters into sea and dry land, for creating the whole world and calling it good. We thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love; for the breath of life, the gift of speech, and freedom to choose your way. You have told us your purpose in commandments to Moses, and called for justice in the cry of the prophets. Through long generations, you have been fair and kind to all your children.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty
our ways are just and true.

With faithful people from all times and places, we lift
our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and majesty,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
O God, most high!

(over)

Holy Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by men he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share his cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection before all people.

Great God, give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

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(The elements are distributed.)

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Alleluia! for the Lord our God, the Almighty, has come into his kingdom! Let us rejoice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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DISCOVER FELLOWSHIP (a student group for all denominations) invites you to supper each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. while school is in session, in the Parish House of Elon College Community Church. Come this Sunday, October 2 for a meal cooked by your fellow students. Please bring \$2.00 to cover the cost. Hear more about plans for service projects, worship, and fun.

Children's Church today: Carolyn Messick

Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 2	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
			9:45 a.m.	Inquirers' Class
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk
			6:00 p.m.	College Student Fellowship
			7:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	Oct. 3	-	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2 - Choral Center
			6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
			7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
			7:30 p.m.	Circle 3-Home of Sibyl White
Tues.,	Oct. 4	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
			7:30 p.m.	Circle 4-Home of Vera Dixon
			7:30 p.m.	Burlington Area Youth Planning Committee
Wed.,	Oct. 5	-	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
			7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Oct. 6	-	7:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Sat.,	Oct. 8	-	9:30 a.m.	Eastern N.C. Association
				Pilgrim UCC - Durham
			10:00 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Retreat
				The Lodge
			5:00 p.m.	Young Adults - The McCraws

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 2, 1988

Mark 10:14

Not a sentimental gesture, but a radical witness — that was what Jesus gave when he reprimanded his disciples and called the children to come to him. Children, like women and slaves, were nobodies in that society. To treat them as full human beings proclaimed the presence of God's new order, where everyone is invited to share in God's household. On this World Communion Sunday, we affirm our Savior's witness as we celebrate the sacrament with God's earth-spanning, division-demolishing family.

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

"We are one in the Spirit. . ." go the words of a familiar hymn which speaks especially to the United Church of Christ.

We are one people when we receive our all-church Neighbors in Need offering in congregations from coast to coast.

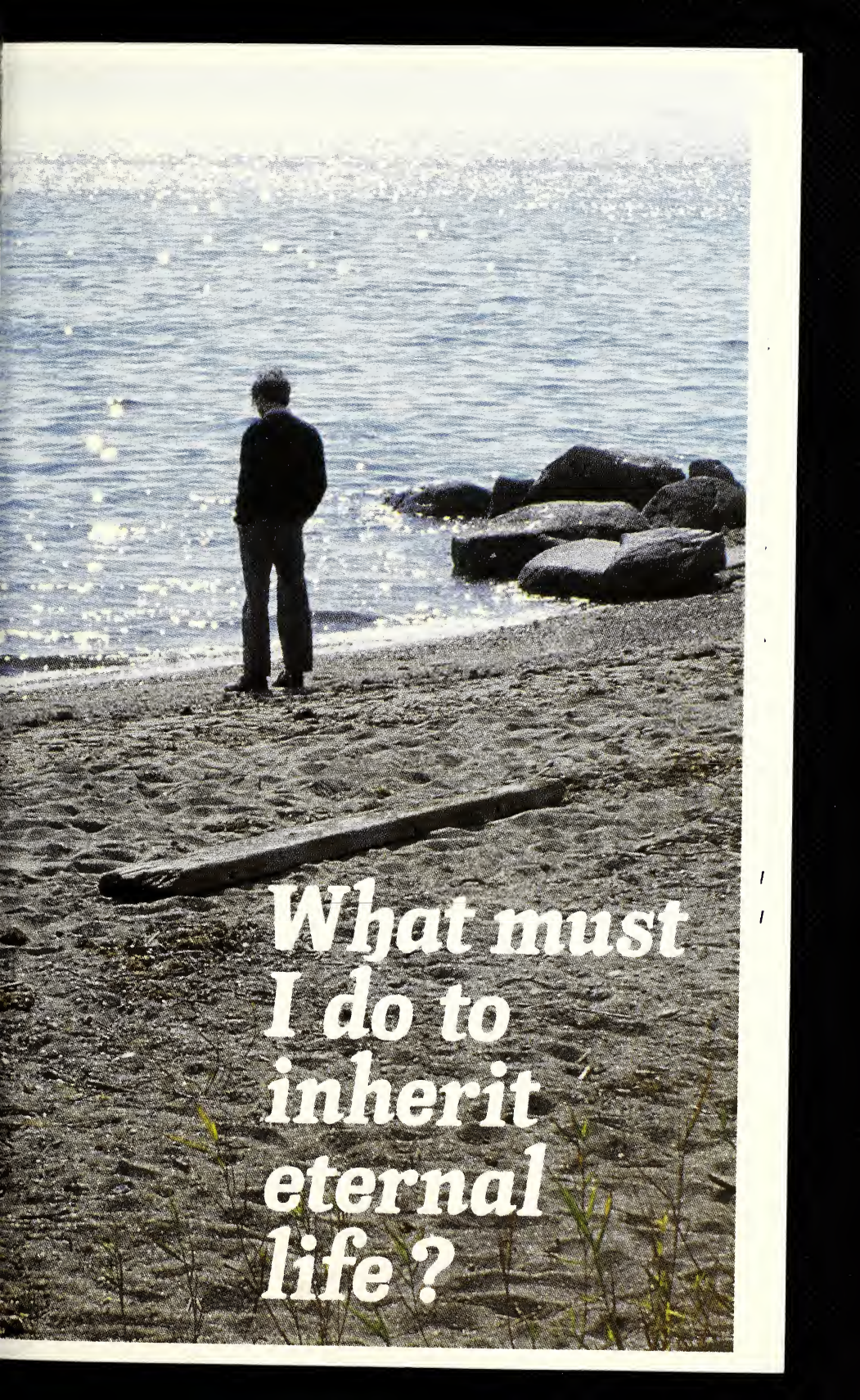
This year, more than ever, the national church bodies that use our gifts to support special ministries are one in the Spirit, too.

Finally, through Neighbors in Need, all of us are one in the Spirit with the disadvantaged children and victimized adults in our midst.

Who is my neighbor? This year's Neighbors in Need offering is intended to reach specific groups, including American Indian communities, children who are poor, people who contract AIDS, the homeless poor, innocent victims of hate groups, people who live in welfare hotels, and the victims of sexual and domestic violence and their families.

In order for this offering to reach our neighbors, however, we must be one in our determination to support it generously with our gifts.

Rev. George W. Otto
Executive Director
Stewardship Council



**What must
I do to
inherit
eternal
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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Brian Harper and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today

October 9, 1988

LAITY SUNDAY

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Air and Gavotte Samuel Wesley
Voluntary in A Major Anonymous (18th Century)
Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms Dr. Irvine
Choral Call to Worship "This is the Day" Hal H. Hopwood
Youth Choir

Responsive Call to Worship Patricia Wood
L. God calls us into the church
P. to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
L. to be God's servants in the service of others,
P. to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and to resist the powers of evil,
L. to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
P. to join him in his passion and victory.
All Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God.
Amen.

PRAISE OF GOD

*Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, who calls each of us to ministry, we confess that we do not always listen to your call. We do not value ourselves as ministers in our daily lives. We do not realize that our attitudes, our activities, our commitments, and our gifts are part of our individual ministries. God, help us to accept that you have called each of us to unique ministries which, when recognized, enhance the total work of the church in our community and throughout the world.
Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Joy Is Now" Words and music by Anne & Philip West
Youth Choir

Joy is now, joy is here.

Joy is dancing to a beat the wind can hear.

Joy is breathing in the sunlight,

Joy is dancing in the rain.

Joy is being someone, praying, standing near.

Time With Children Robin Woody
(Children 3rd grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs after the Time With Children)

Prayer for Illumination Ken Harper

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-11, I Corinthians 12:27-31

Sermon "Gifted? Who, Me?"

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Hymn 404 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ
(inside back cover of hymnal) Chip McCraw

Covenant Chip McCraw

Friends in Christ, we are all called to be ministers in our daily lives. But we are not alone. We gather together with this community of faith to nurture and support one another, to offer to God our efforts of love of God and neighbor, and to unite for cooperative ministry in society. This is an opportunity to affirm our commitment to our Christian faith and celebrate the covenant we make as members of this congregation.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

- L. Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?
- P. I promise, with the help of God.
- L. Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?
- P. I promise, with the help of God.
- L. Let us affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.
- P. We celebrate with joy the common life of this church. We promise each other our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.
- L. Let us pray.
- ALL: Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be your servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for sending us to this community of faith that we may work together in serving the needs of others. Confirm in us the power of your covenant that we may live in your Spirit, share regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have among us the same mind which was in Christ Jesus, to whom be all honor and glory. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Marsh McLellan

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
(using "trespasses")

Offering

Carolyn Messic

Offertory Anthem "Awake, My Heart"

Jane M. Marshal

Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with Thee
beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, Will all be upward tending.

swelling;

Thy word my nurture, given To bring me on toward heaven.

Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender.

Thy maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.

(#515)

Dedication

ed As Partners in Christ's Service"

Tune: Beecher 8.7.8.7.D

Text: Jane Parker Huber

Called as partners in Christ's service,

Called to ministries of grace.

We respond with deep commitment

Fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing

Side by side and friend with friend.

Equal partners in our caring

To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring.

Christ's clear call to work and worth.

Let us follow, never faltering,

Reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer.

All God's people, young and old.

Blending human skills together

Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,

In a small or global sense,

Help us bear each other's burdens.

Breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision,

Words of challenge, said with care.

Bring new power and strength for action.

Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow

Ways to order human life

That surround each person's sorrow

With a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace. Amen.

*Benediction

*Choral Response "As the Father Loves Me, So Have I
Loved you" Ralph C. Schulz
(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Fantasie in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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THE ANNUAL BIBLE STUDY sponsored by the Church Women United will be Thursday, October 13th 10-12 noon in the chapel at Front Street United Methodist Church. Dr. James Pace, Head of the Department of Religion at Elon College, will be the speaker on the topic of the Book of Genesis.

THE FUN CLUB will meet Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Stephen Ten Eyck will give a program on Hand Bells. We will then go to the Golden Corral for lunch.

Children's Church today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins
Children's Church next Sunday: Louis Wilkins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 9	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12 noon	Youth
		2:00 p.m.	Banner Group
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Mission
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon.,	Oct. 10	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Oct. 11	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Oct. 12	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 9, 1988

Mark 10:17

Jesus came bringing a new quality of life, and the rich man knew it. His question emerged from honest yearning. Jesus' dismaying answer spoke to that man's particular need. Each of us who longs for the life Jesus brings does well to ask the same question and discover Jesus' response in the specifics of our lives. What would he see standing between us and fullness of life? How would he ask us to change? Can we receive and act on his answer, or will we, too, turn away sorrowfully?

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
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ACCESS SUNDAY

Helen Keller was born blind, deaf, and dumb. Was that God's curse upon her?

Franklin Roosevelt was crippled by polio. Was that God's punishment?

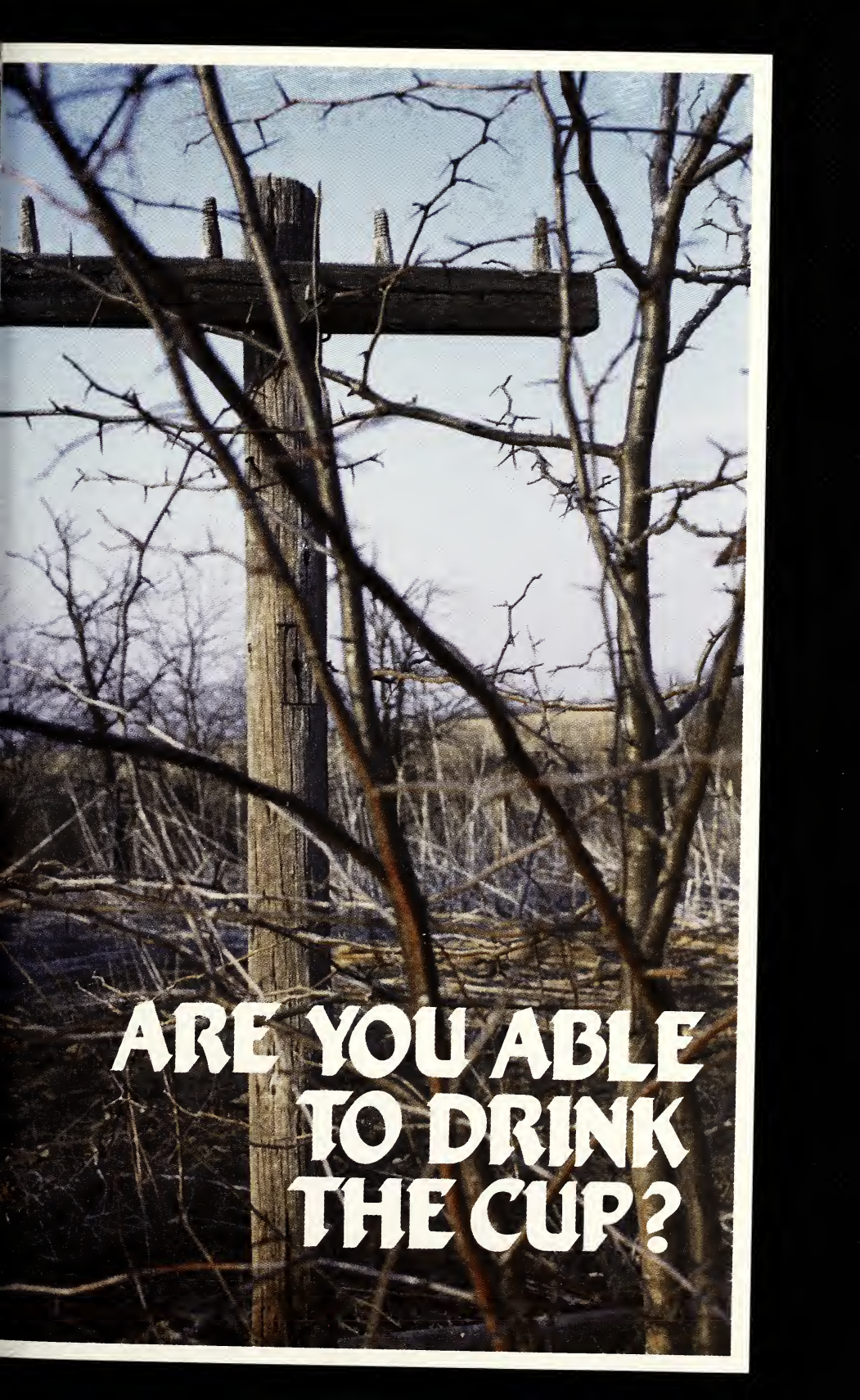
At a World Council of Churches regional consultation last fall, the delegates called upon Christians to cease making theological connections between sin, guilt, or lack of faith and human disabilities.

Our God does not act in such ways. Indeed, as Luther said, our God can ride the lame horse and carve the decayed wood!

More than merely refraining from condemning persons with disabilities for their infirmity, we are called to engage persons with disabilities in our own ministries.

Rev. Richard Pulling has a stuttering speech disability. An incapacitating problem for someone God has called to the ministry? Not according to Rick, his family and friends. Or to the United Church of Christ National Committee on Persons with Disabilities, which he chairs. Or to the congregation that enthusiastically called Rick to be its pastor.

We support the ministries of persons with disabilities through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



**ARE YOU ABLE
TO DRINK
THE CUP?**

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Nicole Hammond and Vega Herold, Acolytes today

October 16, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Concerto for Organ in F Major: Allegro
George Friedrich Har

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

Introit "Lead Me, Lord" Samuel Sebastian Wes
"Lead me, Lord, in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way
plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety."

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. With confidence, draw near to the throne of grace
to find mercy and help in time of need.
- P. We bring our burdens and our cares,
hoping to find relief and renewed strength.
- L. Give thanks for God's presence
in all times and places.
- P. We rejoice that God hears us
in this time and place.
- L. Before God, nothing can be hidden;
no thought or deed escapes God's notice.
- P. We come to face ourselves as we really are,
aspiring to be all God wants us to be.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

ison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we have yielded to temptation and violated your intentions for us. By our actions we have invited some of the calamities that befall. By our inaction for good we have allowed evil to triumph. Some people are wrongfully our foes; some are victims of our deceit and prejudice. Rescue us, O God, from all that breaks right relationships with one another, with you, with nature, and with our own best selves. Amen.

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urance of Pardon

oria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

them "Give Ear, O Lord" Handel
"Give ear, O Lord; to you I call, hear my prayer. At morn I call to you, I watch, I walk in your steadfast love this day. O lead me, Lord, to you. I trust in you this day. Make straight the ways ahead; my foes are ever before me."

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ime With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ertory Concerto for Organ in F Major: Adante Handel
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n 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Children third grade and younger leave for Children's church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

yer for Illumination

ipture Reading Isaiah 53:7-12; Matthew 27:27-31;
Hebrews 2:9

mon "The Coronation of Suffering"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

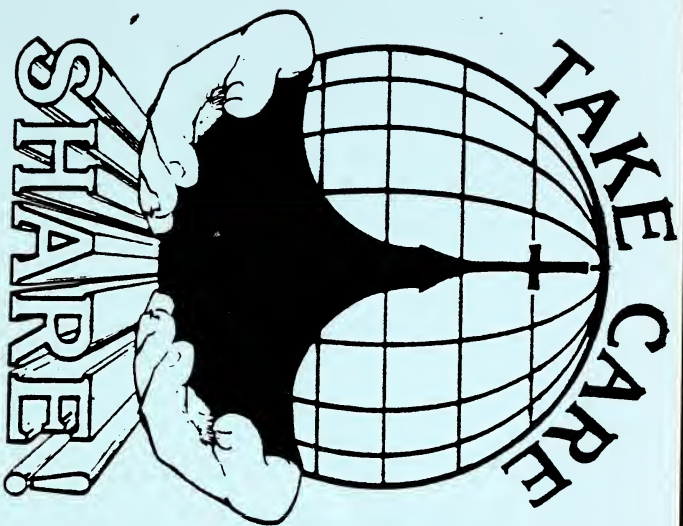
*Benediction

*Choral Response "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace)
Traditional Round

(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Postlude in G Major" Hand

*The congregation may stand at these points.



Representing your interests and mine, our fellow church members who are serving on the various Church committees are working on the planning for 1989. They will be prudently attempting to arrive at a realistic budget for the 1989 programs.

Replacing the "Pony Express" theme of the past two years the Budget Committee has planned a "Take Care - Share" fund raising drive, asking each of us to decide how much we plan to offer in support of our Church, not as a pledge, but rather a goal as to what we each can contribute as our share of Church commitments.

We, each of us, have chosen to be united as a Church to satisfy a variety of personal needs and goals; for a sharing of religious beliefs; for a way to demonstrate our caring for the needs of the community around us; for helping to inspire others to share our beliefs; for a sense of responsibility. To make these goals a reality requires financial support and you will soon be asked to take your share.



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Children's Church today: Louis Wilkins
Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 16	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Youth Rally - First Christian
		3:00 p.m.	Allied Churches Quarterly Mtg.-Graham Presby. Church
		4:30 p.m.	Church Council
		6:00 p.m.	College Student Fellowship
Mon.,	Oct. 17	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting - Choral Center
Wed.,	Oct. 19	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Oct. 20	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Sat.,	Oct. 22	6:00 p.m.	Youth Hayride - Brick UCC

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 1988

Mark 10:38

A child shouts "Let me, I can do it!" without realizing he has bitten off more than he can chew. A candidate launches her campaign, not knowing the full price she and her family will have to pay. In naive confidence, James and John say they can drink the cup their Lord will drink, unaware of how bitter that draught will be. They have in mind the best seats in heaven, but reality means a hard road and a cross to bear. How about us — we who know the price tag of salvation — are we able to drink the cup?

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

HOUSE OF HOPE

The House of Hope is both an idea and an institution. The idea originated in Coventry, England. A group of Palestinian Christian youth from Galilee visited the cathedral that was constructed on the ruins of the building destroyed by German bombers during the Second World War Blitz. The words, "Father forgive," over the altar inspired them to a resolution: if British Christians could forgive their German enemies, then they must undertake a mission of reconciliation among all faiths — Christian, Muslim, Druze, and Jewish — in their community of Shefa-Amer.

The House of Hope, a large old two-story stone residence that the youth are helping to renovate, is the tangible symbol of that mission. When work is completed, the building will contain meeting rooms, offices, a peace resource center, kitchen, and guest rooms. The United Church Board for World Ministries has contributed to the House of Hope through co-support, with the Disciples of Christ, of an intern.

The adult leader of the House of Hope, Mr. Elias Jabbour, is deputy-mayor of Shefa-Amer, the second largest (after Nazareth) Arab community in Galilee. Mr. Jabbour is an eloquent spokesman for reconciliation in Israel and the occupied territories.

HAVE MERCY
ON ME!



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Jamie Brown and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes today
Dr. Martin Sholtzberger, Liturgist today

October 23, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fork

A Mission Word from Elon Homes for Children Doug Hammon

Introit "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" William Bradburn

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Lord, we want to be more than happy;
we want to be joyful.

P. Lord, we want to be more than healthy;
we want to be whole.

L. Lord, we want to be more than alive;
we want to be radiant.

P. Lord, we want to be more than adequate;
we want to be triumphant!

L. With all of these intents before us,
let us worship God.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have not loved you, O Lord, as you have loved us.
We have been like children who accepted love without.

owing its cost. Forgive us, we pray, for every act of
prayer, every failure to be kind, every gratification
self, and every blindness to the needs of others.
and dwell in us with your spirit of generosity,
t we may bless the world with what you have given us;
your name's sake. Amen.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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Luke 6:37-44

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"Taking the Measure of Your Gift"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

diction

*Choral Response "As You Have Promised, Lord" Ron Nelson
(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude

*The congregation may stand at these points.



WEEKLY INCOME	THE T		UPPER RANGE GIVING				MIDDLE RANGE GIVING				LOWER RANGE GIVING			
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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by the William Barbee family in honor of Bill's mother, Velma Barbee, on her birthday, and their grandson, Caleb Camacho, on his birth September 30th.

Children's Church today: Beth Lyon

Children's Church next Sunday: Patricia or Robin Woody

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 23	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Church Council
		2:30 p.m.	Youth Rally - Catawba College
Mon.,	Oct. 24	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Oct. 25	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
Wed.,	Oct. 26	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Oct. 27	7:00 p.m.	District Men's Fellowship Berea Church
Fri.,-Sat.,	Oct. 28-29		Long Range Planning

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 23, 1988

Mark 10:48

"When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me." Do you yearn for God's mercy like the writer of this spiritual? Do you long for healing, or do you believe there's nothing you can't handle? Blinder than Bartimaeus, many of us deny the alienation and sin that keep us from fullness of life. When we deny there is a problem, we cannot receive aid. We must recognize our need and cry out for mercy, refusing to be still until our God hears and we are healed.

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

WORLD ORDER SUNDAY

Forty years ago, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As we celebrate the anniversary of this great document on the eve of United Nations Day, let us also honor the United Church of Christ Pronouncement on Human Rights, adopted by the Twelfth General Synod almost ten years ago in 1979:

"Human Rights are the gift and demand of God. They have their source in what God has done and is doing in creation, in Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. In every age God calls upon people to proclaim righteousness and justice in the world. God creates, reconciles, and redeems everything that is. Thus, human rights are universal demands. No person, no group, no society is excused from recognizing the claim that other human beings must be treated justly and that societies must be ordered on the basis of freedom and equity.

". . . Different societies have understood human rights differently and have thus conferred civil rights in different ways . . . Human rights, however, are God given and are not alterable by persons, groups, or regimes. All persons and all civil orders are under moral obligation to develop policies, programs, and politics that recognize basic human rights."



*You
shall
love
the Lord
your God*

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Scott Dollar and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

October 30, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness" J.S. B

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

A Mission Word from the Board of Trustees

Introit "Create In Me A Clean Heart" Alice Jon

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We have come to remember.

P. We have come to remember the God of our mothers
and fathers.

L. We have come to remember the God of our ancestors.

P. We have come to remember the God of the Reformers
who reshaped our faith when it had gone astray.

L. We have come to remember the God of our spiritual
ancestors, Jesus and Moses and Abraham and so many
others.

P. We have come to remember the God whom these saints
of the past trusted, and to affirm our trust in
this same God of all futures.

L. Let us worship today with a sense of history,
rejoicing to stand in the stream of God's people.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prison Prayer of Confession

O God, in whom the saints placed their trust and were not ashamed, we confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith. We are weighed down with doubt and guilt, and do not have the courage to trust in you. We have let the power of the saints in our own lives become only pale memories. We pray that you will use our memories as vessels of hope, that we might hear your call once again. Through these memories fill our lives with the assurance of your love, that by your grace we may enter, with all our saints, into the joy of your new creation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

them "Now With One Accord We Sing Our Song of Praise"
from Cantata #142 J.S. Bach
"To God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, with one
accord we sing our song of praise! Halleluia!"

Mission Word from the Board of Missions

Mary Shaw Cunningham and Richard McBride

Time With Children

Beth Lyon

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Confertory

"Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

Richard Farrant

"Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins
to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us
grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin
and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect
heart before Thee now and evermore.

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ayer

n 306 "For All the Saints" (Stanzas 1,2,3)

Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-29

Sermon "To Care You Have to Come Down From the Mountain"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Day By Day" Harold Friede
(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Fanfare" Fugue in C Major J.S. Ba

*The congregation may stand at these points.

**“It is in giving...
that we receive.”**

--- St. Francis



"IT IS IN GIVING...THAT WE RECEIVE."

This affirmation of St. Francis is a part of his prayer which begins, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..."

Francis -- the gentle saint of the middle ages -- took to heart the truth Jesus taught his disciples when he said, "give, and it will be given to you..."

Yes, it is as we give of our self and our substance that we receive those blessings we need to live as a person reconciled to God and at peace with others.

If we would receive love, we must give love. If we would be forgiven, we must forgive. If we would be reunited, we must be the initiator of reunion.

If we would be a person of faith, we must practice faith. If we would be a person of hope, we must live in hope. If we would have light, we must give light. If we would know joy, we must spread joy.

Truly, it is in giving that we receive!

In this knowledge, let us each live our Christian life. And in this awareness, let us each pray and work for the success of our church's stewardship campaign now under way.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Marion C. Liscum and John W. Barney, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum and children.

There will be a HALLOWEEN PARTY this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Parish House for the Children of the Church and their parents.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Children's Church today: Patricia or Robin Woody
Children's Church next Sunday: Lou Harper

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 30	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Halloween Party
		7:00 p.m.	College Student Fellowship
Mon.,	Oct. 31	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov. 2	3:45 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Nov. 3	7:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 30, 1988

Deuteronomy 6:5

CHILDREN AND THE CHURCH

This week, the second conference on Children and the Church, co-sponsored by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and Eden Theological Seminary, will be held in St. Louis. Its purpose is clear from this statement, adopted by the first conference in 1986:

Passionate in our desire to affirm the gifts and worth of children as proclaimed by Jesus Christ,

We confess:

We have not always listened to the voices of children or been sensitive to their sufferings. We have shut our ears to the cries of hungry children. We have closed our eyes to abuse and violence. We have failed to provide adequate education and nurture. We have not recognized the joy, laughter, and wonder of children.

Within the church:

We have excluded children from full participation in worship and the Lord's table. We have used children as objects of entertainment. We have failed to hear their stories or make room for the richness of their gifts. We have missed opportunities to witness to the liberating power of God.

We call upon the church:

to celebrate all children as God's children; to join in support of those who defend children, against injustice and abuse; to work for adequate food, shelter, education, and health care for all children; to see that all children are loved, cared, and hoped for.

Within the church, we recognize that God has blessed us with the gift of children; therefore, we call upon the church:

to celebrate the power of children; to equip children for discipleship; to include children fully in worship; to live toward the day when all sing, dance, and join hands together in peace. We support the work of this conference with our prayers and our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



*She
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and Liturgist Today

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Don Danley and Daniel Doyle, Acolytes today

November 6, 1988

11:00

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Epithalamium" Jean Lang

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Fo

Introit "Kyrie" (Lord, Have Mercy) Larry

Responsive Call to Worship Dorcas

L. Who are we, God, that you form us in your own image

P. You delight in your creation,
blessing us and calling us good.

L. Reason, imagination, insight into your will
were breathed into us.

P. You established us and made us caretakers
of your earth.

L. You feed us with the living bread and water.

P. With an everlasting covenant,
you bind yourself to us.

L. Let us measure again the abundance of God's blessing

P. Let us rejoice and celebrate,
offering God all that we have to give.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have sinned, O God of Creation. We have taken your
earth for granted, heedlessly laying bare the mountains
and stripping the land of its plenty. We have divided

Today is
Loyalty
Sunday —



TAKE CARE. SHARE!

The Christian, like God, is one who loves. "We love, because he first loved us." Our loving takes the form of SHARING ...even as God's loving took this form in his gift to us of his Son.

The Christian, like God, is one who shares with the entire world. "For God so loved the world..." The backdrop for our sharing is the global community which composes God's beloved human family.

The Christian, in sharing, takes responsibility in the name of Christ for the whole of creation. As Paul said, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now..."

Where the world is concerned, the follower of Christ is a CARETAKER -- one who handles with care all that God has created and is creating. A care-taker is one who takes care...as one who has been entrusted with that which is precious in God's sight and dear to God's heart.

The Christian, in caring for God's world, also cares for himself or herself. This is as it should be. God loves him or her, too. To his disciples Jesus said, "give, and it will be given to you..."

We take care of ourselves NOT by being greedy but by giving, NOT by being selfish but by sharing. TAKE CARE. SHARE!

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS: AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

LEADER: We invite to come forward _____,
who wish(es) to affirm *his/her/their* baptism by being
confirmed, and also _____,
who will be joining this congregation by *reaffirmation*
of faith/letter of transfer.

LEADER: Friends in Christ, we are all received into
the church through the sacrament of baptism. _____
_____ *has/have* found nurture and support in the
midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study
_____ *has/have* been led by the
Holy Spirit to affirm *her/his/their* baptism and to
claim in our presence *her/his/their* covenantal rela-
tionship with Christ and the members of the church.
He is/She is/ They are here for service to Jesus
Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

LEADER: God's message is near you, on your lips and
in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we
preach. If you confess with your lips that Jesus is
Lord and believe that God raised Jesus from the dead,
you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we
are put right with God; it is by our confession that
we are saved.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE(S)

PASTOR: _____, do you desire to affirm
your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

CANDIDATE(S): I do.

PASTOR: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire
the freedom of new life in Christ?

CANDIDATE(S): I do.

PASTOR: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

CANDIDATE(S): *I Do.*

PASTOR: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

CANDIDATE(S): *I promise, with the help of God.*

PASTOR: Do you promise, according to the grace given you to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

CANDIDATE(S): *I promise, with the help of God.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PASTOR: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death

You seek in holy love to save all people from
aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified
and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sin and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

ADDRESS

(To all who are being received into membership)

PASTOR: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

PASTOR: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

CANDIDATE(S): *I promise, with the help of God.*

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

PASTOR: Let us, the members of Elon College Community Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

PEOPLE: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of Elon College Community Church, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

PRAYER

PASTOR: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, may your hand ever be over your servant(s) who have made a commitment to membership here today. May your Holy Spirit ever be with *her/him/them*. So lead us all in the knowledge and obedience of your Word that *he/she/they* may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DISMISSAL

PASTOR: Go in the peace of Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION LITURGY C

at this table we welcome all who own Jesus as Savior and Lord, who desire the mercy of God and peace with their neighbor, and who seek strength and companionship to follow the way of Christ.

Gracious God, we pray that you will grant us strength through this sacrament, according to the promises of Christ. Increase in us, and among us, the sense of his presence.

When they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after saying the blessing, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. "Take it and eat," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them. "Drink from this, all of you," he said, "this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be shed out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Lord, we pause before the awesome mystery of this food. Your Spirit formed the earth and warmed it by the sun, gave life to the buried seed, and nourished it through snow and rain; so that in dying, the seed burst forth with new life after its pattern.

For stewards prepared and planted, tended and harvested, sown and ground, crushed and strained, baked and blended, packaged and transported and marketed this food, so that we may rejoice in this royal meal.

Your Spirit formed and filled the Christ, out of the wonderful history of your people. He walked the earth setting others free from sin and disease and fear to live in the joy of faith. He died on the cross, was buried, and then burst forth into new life, so that we might reach new life after his pattern.

(continued)

As the grain comes to new life in our mind and muscle,
as the grape refreshes and once again becomes vital,
so the Spirit has new life in us and through us.

*But must we be broken as the grain was broken?
Must we be yielding as the grape was yielding?
Must we be willing as Christ was willing?
Must we die in order to come to new life?*

Jesus said, "He who finds his life will lose it,
and he who loses his life for my sake will find it."

Speak to us, Lord, through this mystery.

(The elements are distributed.)

Unison Prayer after Communing:

*Lord Jesus Christ, we have received here good gifts
at your pierced hands:*

the taste of your mystery,

the power of your peace,

the refreshment of your life,

the close fellowship of your people.

*We have had time to take stock of our lives,
to ponder afresh the direction of our pilgrimage.*

Help us to absorb these communion gifts,

so that within us and among us

the Kingdom of God may become real,

after your pattern.

Amen.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker in loving memory of their son, Russell Bruce Parker.

Children's Church today: Lou Harper
Children's Church next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

Nursery today: Lou Harper
Nursery next Sunday: Sue or Jim Brown

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov. 6	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Youth
		6:00 p.m.	Pot-Luck Dinner in honor of Beth Lyon Board of Christian Education afterwards
Mon.,	Nov. 7	10:30 a.m.	Circles 1 and 2
		6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
Tues.,	Nov. 8	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 4 - Church Library
Wed.	Nov. 9	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 p.m.	Troop 51 Committee Meeting
Thurs.,	Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.	Senior Girl Scouts



your creation, fighting to claim as much as we can grab.
We have consumed more than our fair share of your
abundance.

Forgive us, Lord. Make us aware that we are not the
masters of the universe, but part of your created order.
Restore us to a right relationship with you, that life
may be re-created. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Setting by John Carter

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love" David N. Johnson

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Reception of New Members

see insert

Hymn 272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:26-28, 2:8-9, 15

Sermon "Stewards of Creation"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 287 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"
stanzas 1,2,3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy C

Hymn 287 stanzas 4,5

Benediction

Choral Response "As The Father Loves Me So Have I
Loved You"

Ralph C. Schultz

(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

Postlude "Recessional in G Major"

George F. Handel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 6, 1988

Mark 12:44

The love of God is lavish and unstinting. It pours out upon us grace upon grace. In Jesus, the Christ, God gives everything for us, the gift of God's very self. What are we to give in return? Whatever we can spare after tending to our own needs? Leftovers? Or dare we make a risky, sacrificial gift, like the widows in today's lections? One used her last scraps to feed Elijah, and the other put her whole living into the temple treasury. Blessing abounds when we have the courage to place sacrificial love over selfish security.

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HOPE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Every day, the South African Council of Churches bears witness to God's love for all people in segregated South Africa. Our partner, the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, is a member of this ecumenical body which, through the years, has been blessed by the inspired leadership of Desmond Tutu, Beyers Naude, and many others.

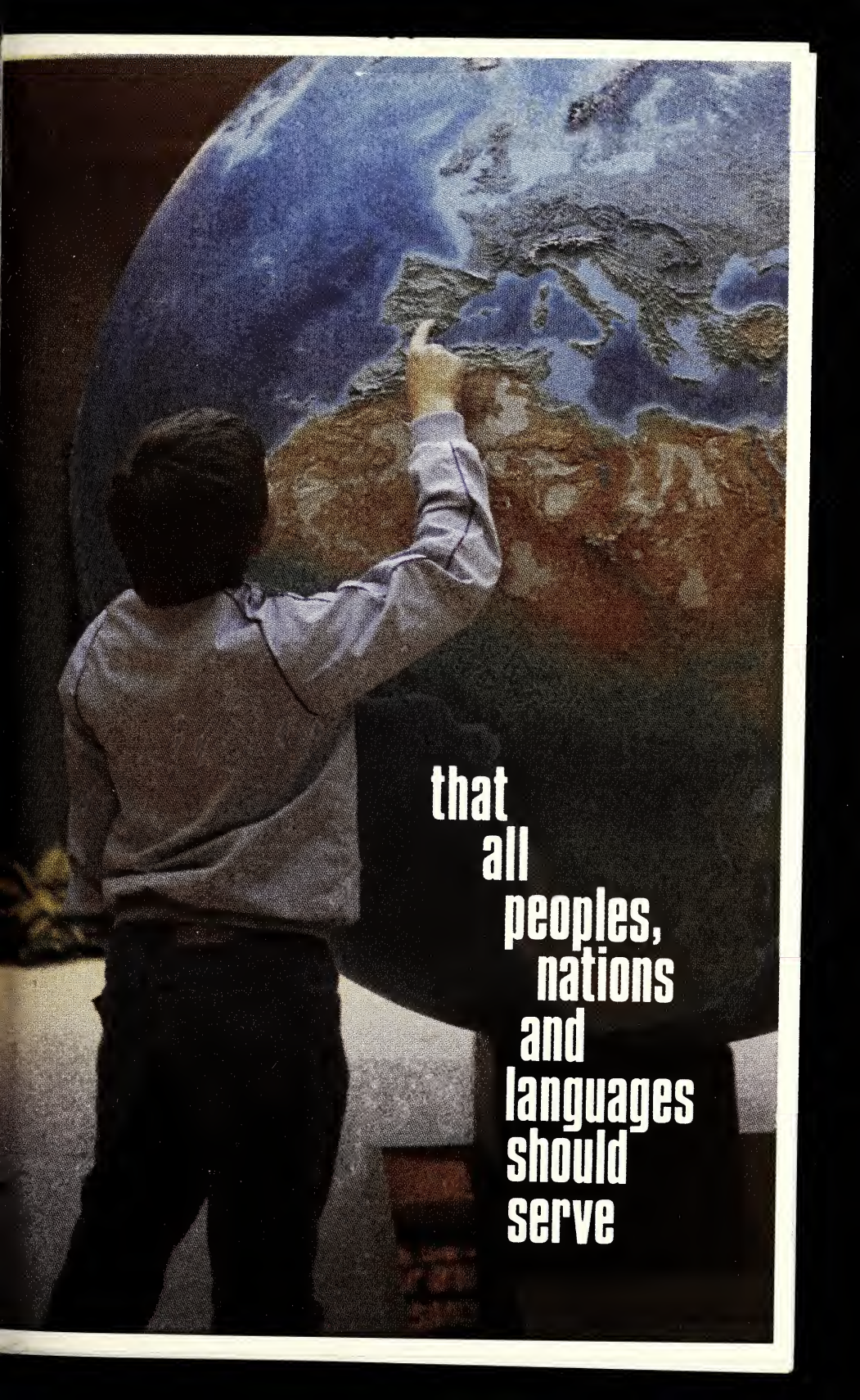
Peter Storey, a white South African pastor who served as its president, tells a simple story of courage and hope:

A black Methodist pastor, who was not politically active, was picked up one day and detained without charges. When Storey visited him in prison, a white Afrikaner guard stood watch beside them in the cell.

As the two pastors prepared to celebrate communion, Storey turned to the guard. "We are Methodist Christians. Our founder, John Wesley, urged us to invite others to join us for the Lord's Supper. Would you?" After hesitating the Afrikaner drank from the same cup that the two pastors had shared.

Fudging a bit, Storey then said: "We Methodists also join hands and pray after Communion. Would you?" The three South Africans, two white and one black, held hands and prayed fervently for peace and justice in their beloved country.

We support the faithful witness of the South African Council of Churches with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

A person is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and dark trousers. They are pointing their right index finger towards a large, detailed globe of the Earth. The globe shows the continents of Europe and Africa, with blue oceans and brown/green landmasses. The background is dark, suggesting an indoor setting like a museum or planetarium.

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ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY
November 13, 1988 11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Psalm Prelude: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Herbert Howell

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "This Is The Day!" Hal H. Hopso

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Who are you?

P. We are people from many different communities: Elon
Homes for Children, Elon College, the businesses,
organizations, homes and schools of this area.

L. Let us acknowledge our individuality.

P. We come from different backgrounds. We have
different theological convictions, political
opinions and gifts.

L. Let us affirm our unity.

P. It is the Lord alone who brings us together. He
unifies us by his call to come and be his people.

L. We praise God for making possible this community of
faith - the Elon College Community Church.

P. And we take up the burden of sharing the love and
unity we find in Christ with the rest of our world.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you have set us in the midst of this community, and called us to share your love, but we are selfish creatures, so interested in our own affairs that we often do not even know our neighbors. We long to reach out yet we are frustrated by our busyness, hung up by our own prejudices, and disturbed when others do not respond the way we expect.

Spirit of God, be a healing gift of love and create in us a new heart. Come and build your community right here, right now. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Statement of Faith

back of hymnal

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Antiphon "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Douglas E. Wagner

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name;
In pastures green he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and
grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my
stay;

One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes; doth still my table spread;
Thy cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
May thy house be my abode; and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

- Offering
Offertory "The Lord's My Shepherd" Martin Shaw
*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn 272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

- Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-22
Presentation Concerning Elon Homes Mike White
Sermon "Is Community A Lost Word?" Dr. William J. Andes

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

- *Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
*Benediction
*Choral Response "Whatsoever You Do In Word Or Deed"
(The congregation is requested to remain in place
until the choir has recessed.) Hal H. Hopso
*Postlude "Prelude in G Minor" Dietrich Buxtehude

Ushers this morning are young people from the Elon Home.

Have You made
your Estimate?



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR ESTIMATE?

Loyalty Sunday last week was indeed a significant day in the life of our community of faith.

We are most grateful to all of our members who, at that time, handed in the requested estimates of their giving for the coming weeks and months.

During today's worship service, a report will be made to the congregation of the giving estimates received to date.

Next Sunday morning, a second and final report will be presented and celebrated and the stewardship campaign's key workers will be recognized and thanked for their efforts.

Have you made your estimate?

If circumstances have been such that you have not yet been able to indicate your planned giving, a second opportunity is at hand!

During this morning's service, you will be invited to turn in an estimate of giving card. We are confident that you will accept this invitation. By doing so, you can help put our campaign "over the top" and better enable your church to meet your needs and the needs of God's world.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell.

PRAYER GROUP - Remember the initial meeting of the prayer group tomorrow morning, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. in the Church Library. Please call Nancy Lu Irvine (584-9198) or the church office if you would like to come and need a ride. Rides can easily be arranged.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Marie Wilkins

Nursery next Sunday: Katie Brown

Children's Church today: Sue or Jim Brown

Children's Church next Sunday: Janet or Mike Mayse

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov. 13	9:45 a.m.	Church School
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		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
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		6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Nov. 15	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov. 16	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Nov. 17	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 13, 1988

Daniel 7:14

The kingdoms of this world will not do. They must pass away in order to make room for God's new heaven and earth, ruled by the loving, creative spirit of Christ. God's vision is like a jigsaw puzzle, and will be complete only when all the nations are in place, knit together in devotion to God and neighbor. If one piece is missing, the whole will be diminished. When the last part is set in place, the vision will be complete, and all will be glorified!

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GRACE

The good news is often referred to in the New Testament as the gospel of grace. Grace is a basic concept and a basic experience in Christian life.

As basic as grace is in the life and teachings of Jesus and the apostles, however, this fundamental principle is often distorted, misunderstood, or ignored in our own time.

We distort the grace of God when we make it into a work, a meritorious act we can do by ourselves. All we can do, actually, is to make the response of faith.

We misunderstand the grace of God when we apply it only to ourselves and our personal salvation. The gospel is for all of humanity — and for all creation.

We ignore the grace of God when we place our hope for salvation in our possessions, our technology, our national security, or our political ideology. God alone is the source of all good, all hope, all grace.

Gratitude is the only faithful human response to God's grace. Indeed, it is impossible to understand the human response otherwise, since the words "grace" and "gratitude" have the same Latin root.

Gratitude, then, is the fundamental motivation for the stewardship of God's grace, and for the channeling of God's grace into every area of life.

—Adapted from Theodore S. Horvath, *Focus on Our Identity as Stewards*.



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Marie Acquilano and Elizabeth Mayse, Acolytes today

November 20, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Pastorale in F Major" J. S. B

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

Introit "Holy God" (Trisagion) John Ruta

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

God's word is truth; let all people rejoice.

P. We bow before God's strength and majesty;
we come in awe before God most high.

L. Grace to you and peace from the One who is
and was and is to come.

P. God's rule is from everlasting and forevermore;
all creation bows before God's holiness.

L. Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth,
to worship and make faithful witness.

P. God is our righteousness and our peace.
We come to be renewed in God's truth.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 461 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, whose reign we have denied and whose
purposes we have opposed, we pray for forgiveness and
healing. We confess that self-concern, rather than your

11, has motivated us. We have claimed to follow Jesus,
 our discipleship has been halfhearted, and our worship
 has been empty of passion and expectation. Turn us around
 and claim us for your own purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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WITNESS OF FAITH

them "Tantum Ergo" Alexandre Guilmant
 (This anthem is sung in Latin. The translation is:)

Savior, Like a shepherd lead us,
 Much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures lead us,
 For our use Thy folds prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us,
 Thine we are.

Praise him for his grace and favor
 To our fathers in distress;
 Praise him, still the same forever,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless.
 Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness. Amen.

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Dr. Lohr

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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rtory "Send Down Thy Truth" Austin C. Lovelace
 Baritone soloist: Nathan Bearfield
 (The text for this anthem is that of hymn 237)

logy (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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pture Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6, Revelation 1:4b-8,
 John 18:33-37

on

"Living Between Brackets"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 29

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

"Day By Day"

Harold W. Friede

(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude

"Grand Chorus in March Form" Alexandre Guilm

*The Congregation may stand at these points.

Everyone is invited to the Dedication of the second house built by Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County, at the corner of Sellars and Ruffin Streets in Burlington, at 3:00 this afternoon. An Open House will follow until 5:00.

The new homeowners, Dana and Carolyn Fox, and their child Michael, twins Stephanie and Stephen, and Anthony, will be presented with the keys to their house and a new Bible.

THANK YOU!



**To God be
the Glory!**

THANK YOU...AND TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

With our "Take Care. Share!" Loyalty Sunday campaign having now ended successfully, this RECOGNITION SUNDAY is a time to speak words of thanks and sing songs of praise.

We express our gratitude this day to ALL of you who have helped make it possible for the church to plan ahead by presenting estimates of giving for the coming weeks and months.

Your written statements of intended support enable us to move into the future with confidence and strength.

THANK YOU.

...AND TO GOD BE THE GLORY! Today, we offer praise to this One whose care for us is constant, whose sharing with us is unending, and whose loving Spirit within us enables us, too, to care and share.

Without God's presence in our lives throughout the stewardship campaign, the Loyalty Sunday Boosters and other key workers could not have led as they did. And so many of our members would not have responded as they did -- by making a commitment to care and share. So...

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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JUST A REMINDER!

Elon College Community Church Music Department presents Sandra McClain, soprano and Ellen Williams, mezzo in a duet recital this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. They will present sacred and secular solos and duets accompanied by Carol Marguerite Link, staff accompanist at Elon College. Dr. Ten Eyck will also assist and perform the Psalm Prelude III by Herbert Howells. A reception will follow in the Choral Center. We hope you will attend this exceptional concert of music!

Nursery today: Katie Brown
Nursery next Sunday : Amy Vickers

Children's Church today: Janet or Mike Mayse
Children's Church next Sunday: George or Carole Troxler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 20	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Concert
	6:00 p.m.	Student Dinner
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
Mon., Nov. 21	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues., Nov. 22	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Nov. 23	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 20, 1988

John 18:37

Our nation has just elected a new president. As Christians, we pray that he will be a good leader, committed to our Constitution and to the pursuit of truth, justice and peace. We also give thanks that we have a righteous leader, Christ the King, who transcends partisan struggles and always bears faithful witness to the truth. In this Thanksgiving season, let us rejoice in Christ and re-commit ourselves to follow his leadership.

Rev. Sally Stevens Smith
First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockton, California

THANKSGIVERS

Too often, when we think of the first Thanksgiving, we remember the Pilgrim "fathers" — and mothers — for what they became, long after they settled on these shores, rather than for what they were when they landed. The people seated around that first Thanksgiving table were refugees. Unable to practice their religion in peace in their native England, they had fled to that 18th century haven of toleration, Holland. But life in the Netherlands had its drawbacks, too, so these restive Separatists pushed on to the shores of Cape Cod.

Try to explain Thanksgiving by referring to Plymouth Rock, William Bradford, Massasoit, and the Mayflower, and you'll lose any audience not familiar with the history of New England. But portray those around the table as refugees, giving thanks for a secure economic foothold in their new homeland, and almost anyone in the world can respond to the story.

Descendants of the Pilgrims in the United Church of Christ don't often boast of their refugee forebears, but we are a church of exiles, and not only on the Congregational side. When we bow our heads in thanks next Thursday, let us try to remember just what those around the first Thanksgiving table were grateful for. And when we share our gifts to help today's refugees, let us never forget that our ancestors, too, once knew alienation and exile.

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Don Danley and Scott Dollar, Acolytes today

Kristin Wilkins, Liturgist today

November 27, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Wake, Wake, for Night is Flying" Paul M
Johann Walte

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

Introit "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Responsive Call to Worship

L. In the desert of life,
prepare a pathway for our God.

P. In the wilderness,
make a highway for our God.

L. Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;

P. and the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed among us.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 107 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

The Lighting of the Advent Candle The Troxler fam

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you.
Our world worships the power that acts quickly through
force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power
of your rule which comes slowly through love. We admit,

that while claiming to desire your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of war, hatred, and injustice. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn now to you in repentance and openness to your Spirit. Forgive us, and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ, and reveal your reign on earth. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. James Mulholland

Choir and Congregation in unison on first stanza:

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Choir only on second stanza:

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I home, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious Blood.

Congregation and choir for most of third stanza:

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;

Choir only on last two lines:

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayer

A Time With Children

Dr. Lohr

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Paul Manz

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1-10

Sermon "The Lord's Paths"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "As You Have Promised, Lord" Ron Nelson
(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Wake, Wake, for Night is Flying" Hugo Bistler

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

The Elon College Exchange Club will be selling Brunswick Stew on Friday, Dec. 2 from noon to dark on the park across from the Elon College Fire house on South Williamson Ave. The sale will continue on Saturday morning. The cost is \$3.00 per quart.

Nursery today: Amy Vickers
Nursery next Sunday: Ivy Anderson

Children's Church today: George or Carol Troxler
Children's Church next Sunday: Ann or R.J. Acquilano

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		7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Nov. 29	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts-Pinewood Derby
Wed.,	Nov. 30	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Dec. 1	7:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 1988

Jeremiah 33:15

COVENANT AND CONSENT

Advent is a time for Christians to begin all over again — a time to reassess our lives and make amends as needed. There is guilt to acknowledge, sin to overcome, rebellion to reckon with.

Above all, Advent is a time for Christians to reaffirm God's covenant in Jesus Christ.

It was the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, who heralded this "new covenant written deep within." But prophets were not primarily foretellers of the future. They were people who spoke for God. Thus, Jeremiah announces God's covenant to the people. "These are the words of the Lord of Hosts: . . . I will plant my law. . . and write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

While Advent recalls us to covenant, it also challenges us in an awesome way to consent. For God cannot enter our lives until and unless we give our consent.

There is a radical moral dimension to that consent, as Jeremiah tells us. "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when. . . I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth from David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."

The Advent experience is a challenge to us to try to understand fully the moral implications for ourselves and our society of God's coming thus into the world. Only then can we wholly give our consent to living into a new relationship — in covenant.

In Advent we know that the "new covenant" that Jeremiah announced has been realized. But still the land cries out for justice and righteousness. Let us recommit ourselves to the new covenant and once more give our consent to the coming of Christ into our lives.

Rev. Henry R. Rust

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Vega Herold and Nicole Hammond, Acolytes today

December 4, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Aria con Variationi I, II, III" G. F. Han

Carol Marguerite Link, Harpsichord; Kevin Byrd, Trumpet

"Partita in C Minor" J. S. B

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship For

Introit "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

13th Century Plains

Responsive Call to Worship

L. A voice cries in the wilderness: "Prepare God's way
Make straight in the desert a highway."

P. We hear God calling us and seek to respond.

We sense God's presence even when we do not speak.

L. Come to this place where valleys are lifted up
and mountains and hills are made low.

P. We long for some evenness and stability
amid the upheavals of our lives.

L. Now is the time to await Christ's appearing
and to seek the Spirit's gifts.

P. We will watch and ready ourselves
to await God's coming and receive his salvation.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 110

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we have heard your prophets and ignored their message. How unready we are for your rule in our lives, acting as if you have never lived in our midst or called by name. Our lives are fragmented with no center of value. Greed and ambition and desire for safety battle within us. We are content with withered grass and fading flowers and neglect your Word which is forever. Bring a new day to disturb us and remake us, that we may be ready to accept your forgiveness and salvation. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

For them "Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes" Anonymous
Music: Hal H. Hopson

Thou shalt know Him when He comes
Not by any din of drums,
Nor the manner of His airs,
Nor by anything He wears;
Thou shalt know Him when He comes,
Not by His crown or His gown,
But by His coming known shall be
the holy harmony. Amen.

Prayer

Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Chantertory "Sound the Trumpet" Henry Purcell
Tim Hill and Stephen Ten Eyck, Countertenors

Exhortation (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Ann 128 "In the Bleak Midwinter"
(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

Sermon "A Straight Path"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 105 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Dona Nobis Pacem" Traditional Round
(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Aria con Variationi IV, V" G. F. Handel

*The congregation may stand at these points.

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Nursery today: Ivy Anderson

Nursery next Sunday: Shannon Hankey

Children's Church today: Ann or R. J. Acquilano

Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 4	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Youth Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
	7:30 p.m.	Moravian Love Feast
Mon., Dec. 5	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
	7:30 p.m.	CHURCH COUNCIL - Library
Tues., Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed., Dec. 7	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 1988

Luke 3:3

All of the gospels associate the beginning of Jesus' ministry with that forbidding messenger of the covenant, John the Baptist. Advent requires a shocking recognition for Christians: God's good news begins with a call to repentance. Compared with those other people, who needs forgiveness? It all depends upon how seriously we understand God's will and God's demands upon us. John's preaching takes away our moral self-deceptions so that we can find in Christ Jesus a fresh beginning and new power of love.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher
Ocean Springs, Mississippi

"A BENEVOLENT GIANT"

Retirement Housing Foundation is the largest provider of housing for older adults in the United Church of Christ. In fact, it may well be the largest in the United States!

Founded in 1961, RHF is dedicated to meeting one of society's most pressing needs: housing for our rapidly growing "senior" population. More than thirty million Americans have reached the age of sixty-five or above. Many need affordable housing that provides options for independent living, personal care, and skilled nursing care. Government funds to support such facilities are limited.

Retirement Housing Foundation has accepted the challenge of helping to meet this need. Today, RHF means "home" to fourteen thousand elderly and handicapped persons in nearly one hundred residences in 22 states and Puerto Rico. Residences range in size from a 14-unit home for the developmentally disabled to an apartment complex with over one thousand units.

The wide variety of residential options represented by Retirement Housing Foundation, and the over 130 other facilities providing services to the aging that are affiliated with the United Church of Christ through the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, make it possible for our older members to live almost anywhere in the United States in a UCC facility.

On this Health and Welfare Sunday, we celebrate these helping institutions and their ministry.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BOOKS IN
THESSALON



The Epiphany of Christ

PASTORAL PRAYER.....

Dr. Lohr

"Riding Into Bethlehem".....

Words: L. Bell

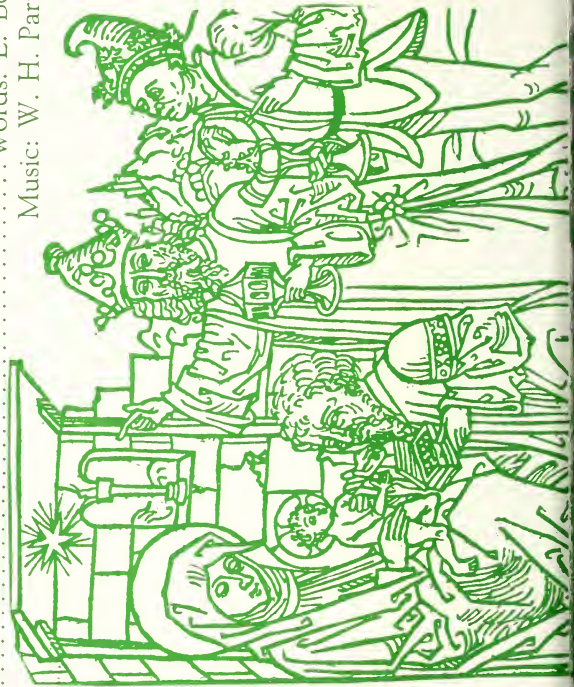
Music: W. H. Parry

Who are these so rich and splendid
Riding in to Bethlehem,
Looking for the baby Jesus,
With the star to beckon them.

The star hangs low in Bethlehem's sky,
Ride on, wise men the dawn is nigh.

Not to Herod in his palace
Is our Lord to earth come down,
See the light around His cradle
Shining brighter than a kingly crown.

Now at last their journey ended
Here where earth and heaven meet
Three great kings kneel down before Him



For here is Christ our heavenly King.



OFFERTORY: "In Dulci-Jubilo"	Johann S. Bach
Congregational Hymn "As With Gladness Men Of Old"	Page 119
READING:	T. S. Eliot, "The Journey of the Magi"
(The text of this poem does not lie within the public domain; and, thus is not printed here.)	
"Epiphany Alleluias"	John Weaver

Alleluia, Alleluia.
We have seen His star in the East,
And are come to worship Him.
We have come to worship Him.
Arise shine. For thy light is come
And the glory of the Lord is ris'n up on thee.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Congregational Hymn "We Three Kings"	Page 143
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BENEDICTION

Response: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"



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Scott Dollar and Brian Harper, Acolytes today

Chip McCraw, Liturgist today

December 18, 1988

11:00 a.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Magnificat on the First Tone" Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Form

Introit "Nova! Nova!" 15th Century Carol

This carol tells the story of Glasgow, Scotland
the Annunciation.

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Let us make a place for God in the wilderness
of our hearts.

P. Let us make a way for God in the jumbled
landscape of our emotions.

L. Let us make room for God in the crowdedness
of the season.

P. Out of all this chaos let us arrow in on God,
in worship straight from our hearts.

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 130 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

The Lighting of the Advent Candles The Danley family

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

It is my sin, O God, that I have not kept Christmas all
year. After last Christmas I went back to tending flocks,
and have forgotten to adore him who was born in a stable.

having followed the star and found the baby, I have not followed the Cross and found the Savior. Teach me to enter into the deep mysteries of the season, and so find meaning and joy for my existence. Let the spirit of Jesus be born in me, that I may bring glad tidings of great joy to all the people in my life. In his name I pray. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

L. Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world,

P. But that the world through him might be saved.

L. His life was given for the redemption of many.

P. His blood atones for all our sin.

L. I tell you that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us.

P. Amen! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth may peace be within and among us.

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Brightest and Best" Paul Sjolund
(The text of this anthem is that of Hymn 126)

Prayer

A Time With Children Dr. Lohr

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising" Paul Manz

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 140 "What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest"
(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a

Sermon "A Peaceful Path"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Every Star Shall Sing a Carol"

Sydney Carter

(The congregation is requested to remain in place until
the choir has recessed.)

*Postlude "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

Paul Manz

*The Congregation may stand at these points.

The Christmas Fund

for the Veterans
of the Cross and the
Emergency Fund

Dear Friends,

Today we will join with many other United Church of Christ congregations in receiving the annual Christmas Fund offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund.

Our response to this appeal will provide Christmas gifts to those among our retired pastors and their spouses who are in need. Throughout the coming year, our gifts will be available to assist when financial emergencies occur in the lives of clergy and their families. In addition, the Christmas Fund augments inadequate annuities of retired pastors and their spouses and supplements their health benefits program contributions.

Your gift to the Christmas Fund can make a difference, not only to a pastor in need, but also in your own life at this holy season.

Sincerely,

The Mission Board



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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of His son the Christ Child and the children of this Church on the day of their Christmas Pageant by Jim and Roberta Starr.

Tonight, Christmas Pageant, "A Circle of Light," 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by refreshments in the Parish House. Please bring some cookies to share for the refreshment time.

Next Sunday, Christmas Day, the Time With Children will involve a "Blessing of the Gifts." Children are encouraged to bring a special Christmas present (no guns or war toys, please!)

THE 1989 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been placed in the narthex. Please pick yours up as you leave Church this morning.

Children's Church today: Carolyn Messick

Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins

Nursery today: Nancy Martin

Nursery next Sunday:

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 18	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirer's Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Pageant
Mon., Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Troop 51 Court of Honor
Tues., Dec. 20	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Cheer Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Christmas Party
Sat., Dec. 24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 1988

Luke 1:53

The Bible has a strong predilection for the poor, the weak, and the needy. By and large, we Americans accept such a predisposition as long as we can spiritualize the biblical sayings and therefore overlook our society's exaltation of greed and inordinate rewards for the already rich. Luke's gospel account and the prophets in the Old Testament make this charade increasingly difficult. What if God plans to fill the hungry with good things by sending the rich empty away?

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"DON'T WORRY, HONEY, YOU ARE FORGIVEN"

This "Christmas story" comes to us from The Interfaith Council for the Homeless.

"Ever since our church opened an overnight emergency shelter, I have volunteered two nights a month. This year, when the sign-up sheet was circulated, I decided to volunteer for Christmas Eve. It seemed a significant time for a shelter to be open, since we remember the story of Mary and Joseph not being able to find room at the inn.

"In the middle of the night, a knock came at the back door. Even though it was against shelter rules to let someone in after midnight, I opened the door. A very old and smelly woman pushed her way into the basement demanding a bed for the night. How quickly I forgot my inspiration for volunteering on Christmas Eve! How quickly the words, 'There is no room for you here,' came to my lips!

"But then I looked at the woman again. And I remembered why we operate this shelter. I attempted to apologize and directed her to a bed.

"She reached into her pocket and gave me an apple she had apparently been saving all day. 'Don't worry, honey,' she said, 'you are forgiven.'

"And I felt it. For the first time in my life, I felt the meaning of God's presence in the poor. This homeless woman brought me the greatest gift I have ever received at Christmas."

Our United Church of Christ priority, the Homeless Poor, invites us to receive Jesus into our midst this Christmas.

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Willie Herold and Shawn McKenna, Acolytes tonight

December 24, 1988

CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 p

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Noel: "Ah! ma voisine êtes-vous fâchée?"
Jean-Jacques Charpent

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Which path should I follow on this august night?

P. That which is right. That which is right.

L. What should I wear? The distance is far.

P. Go as you are. Go as you are.

L. What shall I say, my rank to attest?

P. Silence is best. Silence is best.

L. But who will be there--riffraff or kings?

P. Those whom love brings. Those whom love brings.

L. I don't understand. Are no guards standing by?

P. For a baby's cry? For a baby's cry?

L. Then I shall not go; it's no great affair.

P. God will be there. God will be there.

(Lodene Brown Hathaway)

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

*Hymn 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Francis McKenna family

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Child of heaven, child of earth: in our darkness we

have wondered if your light would ever shine. In our impatience we have doubted that you would ever come. In our restlessness we have turned to other messiahs.

But tonight we drop our doubts and we put away our false gods, and we ask for grace--to be as eager as the shepherds, as tenacious as the wise men, as faithful as Joseph, as thoughtful as Mary--as open as all of them to receiving you as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria: chorus of "Angels We Have Heard on High," hymn 116

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Before the Marvel of this Night" Carl Schalk
words by Jaroslav J. Vajda

Before the marvel of this night
Adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light
And with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
That fear and death and sorrow cease.
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,
This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
In royal splendor come arrayed
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,
A teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,
Our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown,
Now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love
That rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love.

Prayer

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "The Friendly Beasts" Traditional American Carol
Elizabeth and Alexandra Lohr-Myers

*Congregational Response: Hymn 119, Stanza 3

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 137 "Away in a Manger"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-3; 9:2-7 Dr. Loh

Story Sermon "Christmas Lost, Christmas Found"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Lighting of the Candles

*Hymn 138 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude "Christmas Pastorate" Nicholas Jacques Lemmens

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Ryan Harris and Daniel Doyle, Acolytes today

December 25, 1988

11:00 a

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Noël: "Laissez paître vos bêtes"
Jean-Jacques Charpent

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of the Friendship Form

Introit "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" arr. Ten Eyck

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The baby who was born in Bethlehem is alive today.

P. Come, Lord Jesus!

L. Death has no power over him; he walks the world
as our risen Lord.

P. Come, Lord Jesus!

L. We can feel his presence now as we sing and pray
and hear the Word.

P. Come, Lord Jesus!

PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

*Hymn 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

The Lighting of the Advent Candles The Jeff Wilkins Family

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, I have sinned before heaven and against my
sisters and brothers. I have met Jesus of Nazareth and
tried to reduce his words and deeds to fit my own desires.
I have preferred him as a cuddly infant to a loving and

demanding adult. I have talked about his love but reserved its practice for times when I felt like sharing it--with those who meet my criteria. I welcome again your good tidings of peace, but I am not ready to give up the weapons I have hidden away in my own defense. I rejoice in the good news that we are all your children, in Christ, but I prefer to think I have a special claim on your care. I ask your forgiveness and seek your healing. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

Three Moravian Carols

arr. Phyllis Tate

Words by C. K. Offer

1. Andrew Mine, Jasper Mine

Andrew mine, Jasper mine, Timothy and Abel, Hurry to Bethlehem to the common stable. There you'll find a baby small, sleeping in a swaddling shawl. On your way, to our Saviour born today.

When you're there, bow in prayer, in that stable thither, tribute pay while I play on my well-tuned zither. Lay beside him all your gifts carried through the snow and drifts: ducks and geese, milk and cheese; kneel unto the Prince of Peace.

2. By the Wayside

By the wayside there's a path well trodden. Who has walked there? Mary walked there, through the olive garden.

Came the winter, wild and wonderladen. Who has walked there? Mary walked there, sweet and gentle maiden. Years rolled by and down that path well trodden. Who has walked there? Jesus walked there, through the olive garden.

3. Long Ago In Bethlehem

Long ago in Bethlehem the Virgin fair unto us the infant
Jesus Christ did bear; Praise be to God in heaven, peace
on earth.

In the still of night the angel did appear, bringing
glad tidings for all men to hear....

Shepherds hastened to that town of Bethlehem, bagpipes,
flutes and violins they took with them....

Let us with those simple shepherds honour pay, and in
chorus with the angels laud this day....

Prayer

A Time With Children

Dr. Loh

Offering

Offertory

"O Holy Night"

Adolphe Ada

Michael Oakley, Baritone

*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 136

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

Sermon

"Beautiful Feet"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

*Hymn 120

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

"From Heaven On High"

arr. Ten Eyck

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*Postlude

"In Dulci Jubilo"

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CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 1988

Luke 2:10

Christmas is good news. Christmas is joy and rejoicing. Christmas is the hope of the world. And yet we live in a world of bad news. It is not just the suffering, the sickness, the hunger, the poverty, and the homelessness which are bad news, but the monstrous possibility that we will destroy our human future with acid rain, with AIDS, with the Bomb. Yet "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Christmas is the light that shines in the darkness.

It is easy to celebrate Christmas in a world at peace, in a home where no family member is missing, in the midst of health and prosperity, or among people for whom Christmas means only the exchange of cards and gifts, Santa Claus and colored lights. But Christmas is deeper than that.

Christmas means God with us—Emmanuel. Jesus means God with us—Emmanuel. God is right here in the midst of our lives. God is disclosed among the least of these, among the poor, and in a humble place—in a manger. What this means is that the one who can make possible all the good that human beings have hungered and yearned for is as close as the next person, as the neighbor in need, as the new-born baby, as the shepherds with their flocks. It means we are not alone. God works within us and through us, and beyond us to bring forth new good and transform old evil.

Because God is with us, darkness is not all. Christmas is the light which shines in the darkness. Even in the back streets and the dark stairways where forgotten people live, the Christmas star will shine, and God will be present there too—Emmanuel.

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